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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Fast start for kids' vaccines

'We're on a roll,' and appointments fill quickly, but experts are concerned hesitancy will slow process

By Alex Puttermann
Hartford Courant

COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5 to 11 in Connecticut is off to a quick start, providers say, even as they worry hesitancy could eventually slow the process.

At Connecticut Children's, slots

for a vaccine clinic Monday morning filled up within 15 minutes, physician-in-chief Dr. Juan Salazar said.

"It was something to see. It was remarkable," he said. "These families have been waiting for so long for the vaccine for this age group, and you could see very happy

parents."

Meanwhile, Salazar said more than 500 patients have already registered for a vaccine clinic scheduled for Sunday at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

"We're on a roll," Salazar said. "So far nationally and locally I think we've done really well."

Last week, federal regulators authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, who will receive two

doses, each about a third of the size of an adult dose, spaced three weeks apart. Parents can schedule appointments for their children at ct.gov/covidvaccine or reach out directly to their child's pediatrician, or to one of the hospitals, pharmacies or clinics administering vaccines.

A spokesperson for the Connecticut Department of Public

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Mandate support

60%

A recent poll by Sacred Heart University found that nearly 60% of Connecticut residents surveyed support mandatory vaccination for students in kindergarten through high school.

Inflation spike hits Biden's agenda

Pace of price hikes over last 12 months is fastest since 1990

By Jeanna Smialek
The New York Times

Consumer prices surged at the fastest pace in more than three decades in October as fuel costs picked up, supply chains remained under pressure and rents moved higher — bad news for economic policymakers at the Federal Reserve and for the Biden White House.

Overall prices rose by 6.2% over the past 12 months, the fastest pace since 1990, and inflation began to accelerate again on a monthly basis.

Inflation jumped to 0.9% last month from September, a Labor Department report showed, faster than the prior month's increase of 0.4% and well above economists' expectations. So-called core prices, which strip out products like food and fuel, also climbed more quickly.

Rising prices could be seen across the board in October, at grocery stores and restaurants and car dealerships. The acceleration eliminates a White House talking point: Top Biden administration officials had regularly pointed out that while price gains were faster than usual, they were slowing down from rapid summer-time readings. It also poses a challenge for the Fed, which is charged with maintaining stable prices and fostering maximum employment.

Instead of cooling off toward the end of 2021 as many policymakers had expected, inflation rates remain far faster than the 2% annual gains the Fed aims for on average over time.

On Wednesday, President Joe Biden acknowledged the ongoing price rise, saying in a statement that "reversing this trend is a top priority for me,"

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Vote to remove yellow ribbons from the Litchfield green sparks new battle between board, residents this Veterans Day



Leslie and Val Caron, shown on the Litchfield green, are part of a group of military families unhappy about a September vote to remove yellow ribbons. Below, a sign on Route 63 shows support of the ribbons. **STAN GODLEWSKI PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

RIBBON RUCKUS



By Christine Dempsey | Hartford Courant

Two sides of a battle that has lasted almost as long as the longest U.S. war are again facing off after a vote to remove yellow ribbons honoring service members from the historic Litchfield green.

A mostly new Board of Warden & Burgesses found itself under fire Tuesday, two days before Veterans Day, for its September decision.

The board "just blindsided us," with the vote, said Val Caron, who, with his wife, Leslie, has been fighting the borough over the ribbons on and off since 2003. They have a son in the U.S. Air Force, and they and other military families have said they find the yellow ribbons comforting.

The Carons said the board had agreed to keep five yellow ribbons, one for each branch of the military. The couple said they have maintained them and replaced them every so often.

Five or six years ago, the borough put up a permanent 9/11 memorial on the green, but that shouldn't replace the ribbons, they said.

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Center for at-risk moms assists victims of violence

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — In a young moms center in Springfield, a teenager named Maddie fidgeted with her cellphone as she told a circle of fellow mothers that she loves her son, now, Roman, 2 months old, was sleeping in a car seat on the floor between her black sneakers — one of four babies in the room, unbothered by the talk therapy session happening around them. In this activity, aimed at addressing the resentment some teenage

moms feel toward their children, each young woman was asked to share how they'd felt when they learned they were pregnant, something Maddie discovered last year when she tried to get birth control.

"I felt crazy," the teen said. "I was like, 'Hell, no.'"

Maddie, who is being identified by her first name to protect her and her son's privacy, is one of dozens of young, at-risk mothers who come to this center — run by nonprofit organization Roca —

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Husband faces charges

A young mother was killed in Ansonia on Tuesday as police rushed to reach her after hearing shouting on a 911 call. Police are calling her death the state's ninth intimate partner homicide this year. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

Chemistry experiment

UConn men's basketball coach Bob Hurley tries to find the right mix in his rotations and other takeaways from the win over CCSU. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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for comprehensive support. And when the women don't show up, as often happens, case workers are relentless in tracking them down, a key component of the intensive, four-year program that teaches clients how their actions are connected to their emotions, thoughts and traumas.

The Massachusetts-based group has now raised more than \$6 million to bring the model to Hartford, with plans to serve a total of 250 to 300 young women over four years. Daliao Education contributed \$4 million while the city of Hartford and Hartford Foundation for Public Giving each gave \$1 million to the effort to fill a longtime void in local interventions for female victims of abuse, neglect and street violence.

In the few weeks since the program's launch, the state Department of Children and Families, probation officers, high schools and the city have already sent Roca more than two dozen prospective clients, a testament to the demand for comprehensive services.

"There are a number of young moms that they've referred to us that they feel no other providers are able and willing to take because of the severity of their risk factors and all the things that they have going on that are just so hard to navigate," Roca Vice President Sunindiya Bhalla said during a recent visit to the Springfield center.

Teen mothers are among the Hartford area's most vulnerable residents, often entangled in gang and group violence, the courts and protective services and struggling with a lack of family support, education, stable housing and job prospects.

A four-year commitment

Bhalla says she spent nearly a year familiarizing herself with the capital city and its young mothers,



Maddie, left, places her hand on the head of toddler who accompanied her own mother, age 16, to a talk therapy session at Roca, a nonprofit organization in Springfield that is opening a center in Hartford. The toddler is leaning against a car seat that holds Maddie's 2-month-old son, Roman. **REBECCA LURYE/HARTFORD COURANT**

a majority of whom are involved in the criminal justice and child welfare systems but don't access social service benefits like food stamps. Some of the women Roca serves, ages 16 to 24, are also experiencing domestic violence, sex trafficking or prostitution, and substance abuse. "They are angry and untrusting, scared, suffering from unad-dressed histories of trauma and violence," Bhalla said Wednesday during a virtual event introducing Roca to the wider community.

"They're disengaged from schools, they get kicked out of shelters and group homes," Bhalla continued. "They do not understand why their children are taken away and they are doing what they need to do to survive."

Roca promises to change things by committing to work with each client for four years, first getting them safe and stable and then building skills based on cognitive behavioral theory, a grad-

ual process of changing a person's behavior. When they are ready, the young women move onto individualized goals, like staying put in their shelter, pursuing their GED or a career path, or taking part in the kinds of social activities that teen moms often miss out on.

The nonprofit organization also works with young men in Massachusetts and Baltimore, doing similar street violence interventions as Compass Peacebuilders in Hartford. Compass and another Hartford-based youth organization, Our Piece of the Pie, are also receiving new, multi-million-dollar investments from the Daliao family foundation, Hartford Foundation and the city as part of a broad, public health strategy to combat generational poverty and myriad impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roca, which seeks to raise a total of \$8 million to run the program for four years, says it's even more chal-

lenging to gain the trust of the young women who are sometimes instigating that street violence, and always involved in or impacted by it.

"It's really challenging to work intensively with them and get them to kind of slow down ... so we can actually start to address their trauma and get them to pause and start to think and do differently," Bhalla said.

Roca plans to serve 50 to 75 of the city's highest-risk young women this year.

One of its first clients is a 16-year-old girl who was shot a few weeks ago. She is five months pregnant. Another client just violated her probation and may be sentenced to time in jail.

"One thing I've noticed, a lot of people will say, 'Oh my gosh, Roca's here right on time, but it's sort of a correlation. Roca's there right on time because behaviors have been increasing,'" said Lorena Morgan, the program director in Hartford.

Roca was still getting to

know another high school-aged mother in Hartford when she called her case worker in a panic one night at around 10 p.m. She and her baby had been at someone else's home when an argument broke out and police were called. Officers placed her in the back of a patrol car while they arrested the other party and called DCF. They ultimately sent her home with her baby, but protective services are investigating.

"Can you help?" the teen asked her case worker that night. The case worker said yes. But it's not always as simple as answering the phone. Most clients initially distrust Roca and refuse to answer the phone or open their door when case workers come calling.

Changing behaviors

Morgan says she and her team will spend the first six months to a year proving

that they will keep showing up, with an understanding that it typically takes clients two years to change behaviors.

"It's going to be a lot of chasing them around and it's going to be a lot of intensive finding them through different ways, through social media, through their neighbors, through their grandmother, because we do build those networks with the people who know them," Morgan said. "If we become blocked on their phones because they're mad at us, we'll find a way around that and show up at their door with diapers and a doughnut."

Over time, the young women and mothers make enormous strides, Bhalla said. In Massachusetts, nearly 90% of clients participated in cognitive behavioral therapy in 2020 and 65% of those made measurable gains in regulating their emotions. The program says 85% of members in 2020 also made gains in their workforce readiness, and 88% of their children improved developmentally.

"The work that Roca has done elsewhere and will be doing here is central to our work as a community to make a safer, stronger, healthier city," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said during Wednesday's event, which was also attended by Hartford State's Attorney Sharmese Wolcott.

In Springfield last Friday, Maddie said the program has taken her mind off her depression and having to live in a shelter. Another teen, who's helping to raise her sister's baby, said she's gained confidence.

An older mother who has been with the program for three years told the group that her life before Roca was "miserable." The program helped her regain custody of her two children, she said.

"It's been a hassle, but it's worth the hassle," she shared. "I'm not gonna lie, it's progressed me a lot. I'm speechless because it's got me somewhere I needed to be."

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US, China in climate breakthrough

World's top 2 carbon polluters pledge to increase cooperation

By Seth Borenstein, Ellen Knickmeyer and Frank Jordans
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — The world's top two carbon polluters, China and the United States, jointly pledged Wednesday to increase their cooperation on climate action despite their strong disagreements on other matters.

In back-to-back news conferences at the U.N. climate talks in Glasgow, Chinese climate envoy Xie Zhenhua and U.S. counterpart John Kerry said the two countries would work together to accelerate the emissions reductions required to meet the temperature goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.

"The whole point of this is that the steps we're taking we believe can answer questions people have about the pace at which China is going and help China and us to be able to accelerate our efforts," Kerry said.

China agreed for the first time to crack down on methane leaks, following the lead of the Biden administration. Beijing and Washington agreed to share technology to reduce emissions.

Governments agreed in Paris to jointly cut greenhouse gas emissions enough to keep the global temperature rise "well below" 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times, with a target of trying to keep warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) preferred.



John Kerry said Wednesday that the U.S. and China would work together to hasten emissions reductions. ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

Both sides recognize that there is a gap between efforts taken globally to reduce emissions and the goals of the Paris deal, Xie said.

"So we will jointly strengthen climate action and cooperation with respect to our respective national situations," he said.

In a joint declaration, the two countries said they are "alarmed" by recent scientific reports detailing the progress of what they both term "the climate crisis."

A U.S.-China bilateral agreement gave a huge push to the creation of the historic 2015 Paris accord but that cooperation stopped with

the Trump administration, which pulled the U.S. out of the pact. The Biden administration brought the U.S. back in to that deal, but has clashed with China on other issues, including cybersecurity and human rights.

"While this is not a gamechanger in the way the 2014 US-China climate deal was, in many ways it's just as much of a step forward given the geopolitical state of the relationship," said Thom Woodroffe, an expert in U.S.-China climate talks. "It means the intense level of US-China dialogue on climate can now begin to translate into cooperation."

The two nations will also

establish a bilateral working group that will "meet regularly to address the climate crisis and advance the multilateral process, focusing on enhancing concrete actions in this decade," the declaration said.

Both Washington and Beijing intend to update the world on their new national targets for 2035 in 2025 — a move that is particularly significant for China.

The declaration also said China will "make best efforts to accelerate" its plans to reduce coal consumption in the second half of this decade.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called the

move "an important step in the right direction."

Some experts said the deal was short on commitments that would significantly reduce heat-trapping gases.

"It's a good sign that the world's two biggest emitters can actually work together to face the biggest crisis of humanity but there's not a lot of meat there after the methane stuff," said Byford Tsang a China policy analyst for the European think tank E3G.

Earlier Wednesday, a draft of a larger deal being negotiated by almost 200 countries in Glasgow called for accelerating the phasing out of coal — the single biggest

source of man-made emissions — although it set no timeline.

Setting deadlines for phasing out fossil fuels is highly sensitive to countries that still depend on them for economic growth, including China and India, and to major exporters of coal such as Australia. The future of coal is also a hot-button issue in the U.S., where a spat among Democrats has held up one of President Joe Biden's signature climate bills.

Greenpeace International director Jennifer Morgan, a long-time climate talks observer, said that the call in the draft to phase out coal would be a first in a U.N. climate deal, but the lack of a timeline would limit the pledge's effectiveness.

"This won't give the kids on the streets the confidence that they'll need," she said.

The draft also expresses "alarm and concern" about how much Earth has already warmed and urges countries to cut carbon dioxide emissions by about half by 2030. Pledges so far from governments don't add up to that frequently stated goal.

The draft is likely to change, but it doesn't yet include full agreements on the three major goals that the U.N. set going into the negotiations: for rich nations to give poorer ones \$100 billion a year in climate aid, to ensure that half of that money goes to adapting to worsening global warming, and the pledge to slash global carbon emissions by 2030.

It acknowledges "with regret" that rich nations have failed to live up to the climate finance pledge. Currently they are providing around \$80 billion a year.

US declares 'strong' start to kids vaccine campaign

But some expect demand will drop in coming weeks

By Zeke Miller and Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The campaign to vaccinate elementary school age children in the U.S. is off to a strong start, health officials said Wednesday, but experts say there are signs that it will be difficult to sustain the initial momentum.

About 900,000 kids ages 5 to 11 will have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in their first week of eligibility, the White House said, providing the first glimpse at the pace of the school-aged vaccination campaign.

"We're off to a very strong start," said White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients, during a briefing with reporters.

Final clearance for the shots was granted by federal regulators on Nov. 2, with the first doses to kids beginning in some locations the following day.

The estimated increase in vaccinations in elementary school age children appears similar to a jump seen in May, when adolescents ages

12 to 15 became eligible for shots.

Now nearly 20,000 pharmacies, clinics and physicians' offices are administering the doses to younger kids, and the Biden administration estimated that by the end of Wednesday more than 900,000 of the kid doses will have been administered. Additionally about 700,000 first-shot appointments are scheduled for the coming days.

About 28 million 5 to 11 year-olds are now eligible for the low-dose Pfizer vaccine. Kids who get their first of two shots by the end of next week will be fully vaccinated by Christmas.

The administration is encouraging schools to host vaccine clinics on site to make it even easier for kids to get shots. The White House is also asking schools to share information from "trusted messengers" like doctors and public health officials to combat misinformation around the vaccines.

A initial surge in demand for vaccinations was expected from parents who have been waiting for the chance to protect their younger kids, especially before the holidays.

In West Virginia's Cabell County, high demand for the pediatric vaccines led

local health officials to start setting up vaccination clinics in all the county's public middle schools. A spokeswoman for the county health department said there were some lines for vaccines in the first few days after the doses were approved for kids ages 5 to 11, but that things have slowed since then.

Some experts say that nationally, demand could begin to recede in only a matter of weeks. They note polling data suggest only a fraction of parents have planned to get their kids shots immediately, and they suspect the trend will play out like it did earlier this year when kids ages 12 to 15 were authorized to get shots.

In the first week after vaccines for that age group were authorized in May, the number of adolescents getting a first shot jumped by roughly 900,000, according to an American Academy of Pediatrics review of federal data. The next week, it rose even further, to 1.6 million.

"There was an initial burst," said Shannon Stokley of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But then the number dropped steadily for months, interrupted only briefly in early August as the delta variant surged and parents



Shauna Andrus, a volunteer nurse, gives the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to Emmy Slonecker, 7, on Tuesday at the UW Medical Center in Seattle. TED S. WARREN/AP

prepared to send children back to school.

Since then, adolescent vaccinations have flagged considerably, to just 32,000 getting their first shots last week. Only about half of adolescents ages 12 to 17 are fully vaccinated, compared to 70% of adults.

Barring school attendance vaccination requirements, it's unlikely that vaccination rates in young kids will be as high as what's seen in adults — or even in adolescents, some experts said.

Part of the reason is

COVID-19 has been more dangerous to adults, especially older adults, while causing far fewer serious illnesses and deaths in children, they noted.

"Parents may have the perception it may not be as serious in young children or they don't transmit it," said Stokley, the acting deputy director of the CDC's Immunization Services Division.

But more than 2 million COVID-19 cases have been reported in U.S. children ages 5 to 11 since the pandemic started, includ-

ing 66 deaths over the past year, according to CDC data. "We're going to have a lot of work to do to communicate to parents about why it's important to get children vaccinated," she said.

Zients said the effort to vaccinate younger kids is still ramping up, with new clinics coming online. Government officials expect the number of children who are vaccinated to keep rising in the days and weeks ahead, he said.

"We are just getting started," he said.



A family at a memorial Tuesday outside NRG Park, site of the Astroworld music festival, in Houston. BRANDON BELL/GETTY

Chief: Astroworld staffing records 'not good'

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Organizers of the Astroworld music festival have not provided investigators with clear records about private security personnel working the grounds when a massive crowd surge during headliner Travis Scott's set led to at least eight deaths, Houston's police chief said Wednesday.

It was up to Live Nation Entertainment, the show's

promoter, to secure two mosh pits in front of the stage Friday night at the sold-out festival of 50,000 people, Houston Police Chief Troy Finner said at a news conference.

He described staffing records handed over by organizers as "just not good" but emphasized that he was not placing any blame.

But key questions are still unknown after the tragedy, which left hundreds of other concertgoers injured, including at least two who

were still in critical condition. Finner said police told organizers to shut down the performance when fans in the crowd were administered CPR. But he repeatedly declined to provide timelines, making it unclear at what point that order came in Scott's roughly hourlong set, and how much longer the show lasted after the directive was given.

"When you say authority and ability to end the show, we don't hold the plug. But it's always in the plan," he

said.

Scott's attorneys told the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday that the mega-star rapper could not see or hear what was happening in the crowd.

Finner also forcefully defended his department's ability to handle the criminal investigation on its own, rejected calls for an outside probe and said he did not have a close relationship with Scott, who is from Houston and founded the festival.

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WORLD & NATION

Scientists forced to tackle Rodgers

Popular NFL player's vaccination stance harmful, experts say

By Ken Belson and Emily Anthes
The New York Times News

This spring, he was auditioning to be the host of “Jeopardy!” Nearly every day, he pops up on television ads for national brands like State Farm insurance. And on Sundays this fall, he has led the Green Bay Packers to a division-best 7-2 record.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers is not just the NFL’s reigning MVP, he’s a celebrity who transcends the nation’s most popular sport, a household name on par with Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes.

So when news broke that he tested positive for the coronavirus last week and was unvaccinated, Rodgers justified his decision to not get vaccinated by speaking out against the highly effective vaccines and spewing a stream of misinformation and junk science. Medical professionals were disheartened not just because it will make it harder for them to persuade adults to get vaccinated, but because they are just now vaccinating 5- to 11-year-olds.

“When you’re a celebrity, you are given a platform,” said Dr. Paul A. Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. “When you choose to do what Aaron Rodgers is doing, which is to use the platform to put out misinformation that could cause people to make bad decisions for themselves or their children, then you have done harm.”

The NFL on Tuesday completed its review of whether Rodgers and the Packers violated any of the league’s COVID-19 protocols, which were developed with the NFL Players Association. Rodgers



Quarterback Aaron Rodgers, shown Oct. 28, missed Sunday’s loss to the Kansas City Chiefs after testing positive for COVID-19. RICK SCUTERI/AP

ers admitted to flouting those protocols, including attending a Halloween party with teammates where he appeared unmasked. A league source said the team received a \$300,000 fine, while Rodgers and another teammate were each fined \$14,650, according to ESPN.

Rodgers is in the midst of a 10-day isolation period and did not play in the Packers’ 13-7 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. Like all unvaccinated NFL players who test positive, Rodgers must provide two negative tests, taken 24 hours apart, after his isolation to return to the field, which could come as soon as Saturday.

But the lasting damage from Rodgers’ stance cannot be measured in dollars or games lost or won. Vaccination rates in the NFL are high compared to the

general population. Nearly every coach and staff member who is around players is vaccinated, and 94% of the 2,000 or so players have also been inoculated, according to the league.

But given how popular the league is, even the handful of unvaccinated players get outsize attention. Wide receiver Cole Beasley of the Buffalo Bills, and quarterbacks Kirk Cousins of the Minnesota Vikings and Carson Wentz of the Indianapolis Colts have all been criticized for choosing to remain unvaccinated.

But they were upfront about their decisions. Rodgers, by contrast, evaded answering directly when asked if he was vaccinated. He said he was “immunized.”

In an interview on “The Pat McAfee Show” last

week, Rodgers said he followed his own “immunization protocol,” though he did not provide details about what it entailed. But vaccination and natural infection are the only ways to gain immunity to the virus, scientists said.

In the interview, Rodgers fueled the controversy by trying to distance himself from conspiracy theorists. “I’m not, you know, some sort of anti-vax, flat-earther,” he said. “I am somebody who’s a critical thinker.”

But many of his statements on the show echo those made by people in the anti-vaccine movement.

“Aaron Rodgers is a smart guy,” said David O’Connor, a virus expert at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But, he added, “He’s still vulnerable to the blind side blitz of misinformation.”

In the interview, Rodgers suggested that the fact that people were still getting, and dying from, COVID-19, meant that the vaccines were not highly effective.

Rodgers also expressed concern that the vaccines might cause fertility issues, a common talking point in the anti-vaccine movement. There is no evidence that the vaccines affect fertility in men or women.

“Those allegations have been made since the vaccines first came on the scene, and they clearly have been addressed many, many times over,” said Dr. William Schaffner, a vaccine expert at Vanderbilt University. He added, “The vaccines are safe and stunningly effective.”

There are a few potentially serious adverse events that have been linked to the

vaccines, including a clotting disorder and an inflammation of the heart muscle, but they are very rare. Experts agree that the health risks associated with COVID-19 overwhelmingly outweigh those of vaccination.

Rodgers said he did not follow some protocols, like wearing a mask when speaking with reporters, because he did not agree with them.

O’Connor said that he “cringed” when he heard that Rodgers had not been vaccinated, especially given how many people in Wisconsin have yet to get their shots; 63% of state residents have had at least one vaccine dose, compared to a 67% rate nationally.

“Within the community where he plays, there is still a lot of work to be done to improve vaccine uptake,” he said.



Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group Welcomes Disha Mascarenhas, M.D.

Staff Physician

Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group is pleased to announce that **Dr. Disha Mascarenhas** has joined the practice as a staff physician and welcomes new patients to the office at 140 Hazard Avenue in Enfield.

Dr. Mascarenhas earned her medical degree from the American University of Antigua and completed her Family Medicine Residency at Western Reserve Health Education/NEOMEDN at Trumbull Regional Medical Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

In addition to her experience as a clinical instructor of family and community medicine, she also served as a volunteer physician promoting preventive health at Dadhich Hospital Outpatient Clinic in Mumbai, India.

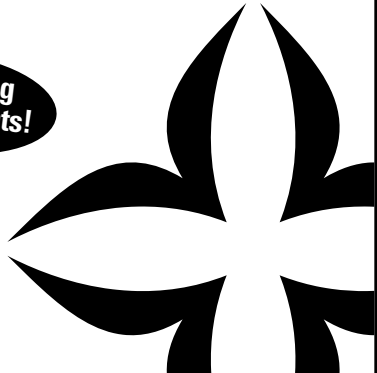
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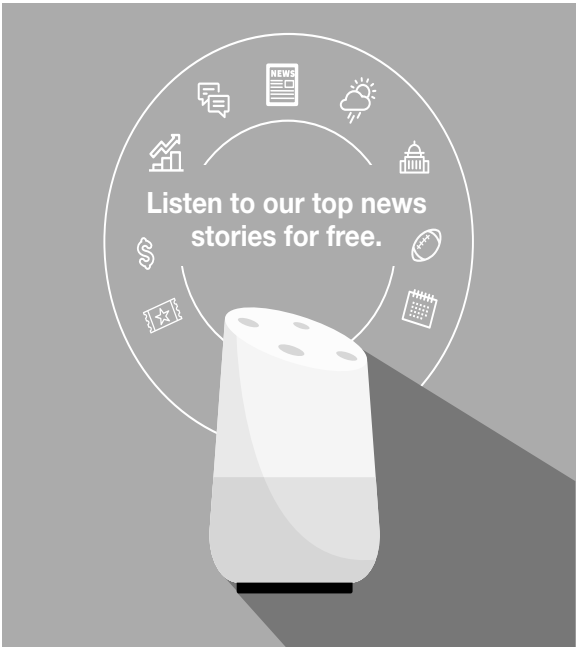
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WORLD & NATION

‘Way too many issues and animals’

Bone to pick: There's 1 dogcatcher, 30,000 strays in tiny Guam

By Kelly Kasulis Cho
The New York Times

MANGILAO, Guam — Driving alone in his truck, Nicholas Ibanez prowls the tiny American island of Guam in uniform, carrying a most-wanted list of dangerous predators that must be taken off the streets.

He starts early, before 8 a.m. — up and out with coffee in hand. Lately, he also emerges after dark, to avoid the vigilantes who would impede his work. On the road, he scans the edge of forests for shady patches to set his traps. In a box sits his bait: bits of chicken from a local Jamaican restaurant, a strip from KFC, maybe a vienna sausage.

Ibanez, 41, is the Guam government’s only dogcatcher. And no matter how many hours he works, no matter how elusive he is at the animal control office, he faces an inescapable reality: On this island, there’s just one Nicholas Ibanez, and at least 30,000 stray dogs.

“There’s way too many issues and animals — there’s always something waiting,” said Ibanez, who has held the job for more than five years. “It can be dangerous. I’ve never been bitten, and I don’t want to get bit.”

Across Guam, which is home to about 170,000 people, packs of these “boonie dogs,” as they are known, can be seen everywhere — crossing highways and chasing cars, roving the parking lots of luxury hotels, lounging in cul-de-sacs fringed with coconut trees.

On social media, residents frequently post stories and photos of dangerous encounters, like one that left a tuxedo cat with bloodied eyes and a ring of red around its neck, and another in which a feral stray climbed three stories of an apartment building to



A staffer at Guam Animals In Need, left, talks about an animal abuse case with dogcatcher Nicholas Ibanez. ANTHONY HENRI OFTANA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

attack a pet.

In the animal control office, Ibanez looked through photos of pet dogs with bloodied legs and one that showed a stray baring its teeth at a toddler as she stood on her doorstep.

“I can say like 80% are vicious,” he said.

The island has struggled with stray dogs for decades.

In 1967, during a rabies outbreak, the U.S. military tried to shoot the strays. But the dogs proved so smart and elusive that authorities eventually resorted to planting poison, said Cyrus Luhr, president of the board of directors at Guam Animals in Need, an animal shelter.

Now, Guam, which covers about 200 square miles, has about one stray dog for every six residents — a ratio that looks to some like a pile of dynamite.

“Rabies is a very real threat

to us,” said Alison Hadley, executive director of the shelter, which is the only one on the island that receives government funding.

This summer, a video that went viral got the island talking about the problem with strays — and inflamed passions over what to do.

The video showed a pack of about 50 dogs flocking to an abandoned building near the airport. It caught the attention of the island’s mayors, animal welfare groups and parents, catapulting the issue onto front pages and fueling public meetings for months.

The debate has at times gone to extremes: Some have called for permits that allow hunters to shoot the strays, while others want them left alone entirely. When captured, the dogs are brought to the shelter, where they are put up for adoption, or euthanized if they are

beyond medical help.

“There are people that hate them, there are people that — you see it on the news, they shoot or poison them — and there’s people out there who are like, ‘OK, let’s make a schedule for feeding groups of strays,’” said Julie Cunningham, a nurse whose pet cat was nearly mauled to death by three dogs this year.

The island’s divisions have crept into Ibanez’s daily work, forcing him to go on capture missions in the dark of night to avoid the small number of animal welfare activists who have taken to heckling him and scaring away the strays.

“I never had problems until recently,” he said. “People take out their video and get in my face.”

While Guam has long contended with stray dogs, it has never done so with so few resources.

The animal control division lost many staff members in the early 2000s, when the Guam government moved the division to the Department of Agriculture. In late 2020, Ibanez became the only officer in the field, after his last counterpart retired.

“In Guam, everything is underfunded,” Luhr said.

The animal control division has been looking to hire more officers, and since the video of the airport dogs went viral, the Guam government has passed legislation to increase the shelter’s annual funding to \$600,000 from \$150,000.

Those closest to the issue say that free or low-cost spaying and neutering programs are the best long-term solution, though the island chronically struggles with a shortage of veterinarians and a lack of education about sterilizing pets.

“I want a little bit more of everything,” said Chelsa Muna-Brecht, director of the Guam Department of Agriculture. “It would take at least two to three years with proper staffing and support of the island before we could really turn this around.”

As public debate rages on, Ibanez mostly keeps to himself, making his way through routine dog captures, animal abuse investigations and visits to areas known for strays. He ignores any angry social media posts about him, he said, and tries to decompress by spending evenings with his wife.

“You have to deal with a lot — people’s emotions when you have to remove their animals, or emotions when you see an animal sick or dying or abused,” he said. “But it doesn’t get to me. You have to handle it, or the job is not meant for you.”



Migrants on Wednesday in a camp on the border of Belarus and Poland. Some 3,000 to 4,000 migrants are on the border and the edge of the European Union. RAMIL NASIBULIN/BELTA

Germany accuses Belarus of ‘state-run’ migrant trafficking

By Vanessa Gera,
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Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — The German government on Wednesday accused Belarus of “state-run smuggling and trafficking” of human lives by luring desperate migrants to the Polish border — the edge of the European Union — where many are now stuck in makeshift camps in freezing weather.

As the migrant crisis showed no sign of easing, an EU leader also said the bloc was, for the first time, considering the idea of funding a wall or some other barrier on its eastern border. That idea has always been rejected before and still faces many political and humanitarian obstacles.

Polish authorities estimate that about 3,000-4,000 migrants have gathered along its border with Belarus, with hundreds concentrated in one makeshift camp near the Kuznica crossing. Warsaw has bolstered security at the frontier, where it has declared a state of emergency.

Polish authorities have tweeted video of migrants, some using shovels and wire cutters, trying to break through a fence on the border to enter Poland.

The West has accused Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko of encouraging migrants from the Middle East to travel to his country and sending them toward EU members Poland, Lithuania and Latvia as a way to retaliate against the bloc for the sanctions imposed on the authoritarian regime for his crackdown on internal dissent since a disputed election in 2020.

Belarus denies the allegations, but has said it won’t stop migrants and others seeking to enter the EU.

“From a distance, these events on the Polish-Belarusian border may look like a migration crisis, but this is not a migration crisis, it is a political crisis triggered with the special purpose of destabilizing the situation in the European Union,” said Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki.

Steffen Seibert, a spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said in Berlin that what Minsk is

doing “is, of course, state-run smuggling and trafficking ... happening 100% at the expense of the people who are lured into the country with false promises.”

Poland says Russia bears responsibility for the crisis, given its staunch backing of Lukashenko. Germany’s interior minister, Horst Seehofer, also accused Lukashenko of “using people’s fates — with the support of Russian President Vladimir Putin — to destabilize the West.”

Merkel spoke by phone with Putin on Wednesday and asked him “to exert his influence on the regime in Minsk,” her office said, underlying that the exploitation “of migrants against the European Union by the Belarusian regime is inhuman and completely unacceptable.”

The Kremlin’s account of the call said Putin proposed a discussion between “representatives of EU member states and Minsk.”

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov rejected suggestions by Morawiecki that Moscow has any responsibility in the crisis, calling them “absolutely irresponsible.”

Capitol rioter who hit officer gets 41-month prison term

By Michael Kunzelman
and Jacques Billeaud
Associated Press

A New Jersey gym owner who punched a police officer during the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol was sentenced Wednesday to more than three years in prison, a likely benchmark for dozens of other rioters who engaged in violence that day.

Scott Fairlamb, 44, was the first person to be sentenced for assaulting a law enforcement officer during the Capitol riot. His 41-month prison term is the longest among 32 riot-related sentences handed down so far.

Fairlamb’s punishment likely will guide other judges who sentence rioters who clashed with police at the Capitol. U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth said it was significant that his sentencing of Fairlamb was the first for assaulting an officer, with more guilty pleas likely in the coming months.

Lamberth said Fairlamb’s actions struck at “the heart of our democracy.” He had pleaded guilty, avoiding a trial.

Fairlamb, a boxing coach and former mixed martial arts fighter, apologized and expressed remorse for actions that he described as irresponsible and reckless.

“I take full responsibility for what I did that day,” Fairlamb said. “That’s not who I am. That’s not who I was raised to be.”

Justice Department prosecutors recommended a prison sentence of three years and eight months for Fairlamb, saying he was among the first rioters to breach the Capitol and incited others to be violent.

Fairlamb joined a group of rioters who pushed through a line of police officers and metal barricades on the Capitol’s West Terrace. He recorded a video of himself shouting,



A man climbs a wall at the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot. To date, 32 riot-related prison sentences have been handed down. JASON ANDREW/THE NEW YORK TIMES

“What (do) patriots do? We ... disarm them and then we storm the ... Capitol!”

Fairlamb carried a police baton into the Capitol, then left the building and approached several Metropolitan Police Department officers, screaming as he followed them. Fairlamb shoved one of the officers and punched his face shield.

The officer wasn’t injured but described Jan. 6 as the scariest day of his career, Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie Goemaat told the judge.

Two days after the riot, Fairlamb said on a video that “they pulled the pin on the grenade, and the black-out is coming. What a time to be a patriot,” according to prosecutors.

Fairlamb pleaded guilty to obstruction of an official proceeding and assaulting the police officer.

Fairlamb’s social media posts indicate that he subscribed to the QAnon conspiracy theory and promoted a bogus claim that former President Donald Trump would become the first president of “the new Republic” on March 4, prosecutors said.

Fairlamb feels that he was “duped by social media,” his lawyer said in a court filing.

Before Fairlamb’s sentencing, the longest sentence for a Capitol rioter was eight months, for a Florida man who breached the Senate chamber carrying a Trump campaign flag.

Meanwhile, Trump’s effort to thwart the probe of the riot had a setback late Tuesday when a federal judge rejected the former president’s request to block the release of documents to a House committee.

In denying a preliminary injunction, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan said Congress had a strong public interest in obtaining records that could shed light on a violent insurrection by the former president’s supporters. She added that President Joe Biden had the authority to waive executive privilege over the documents despite Trump’s assertions otherwise.

Barring a court order, the National Archives plans to turn over Trump’s records to the committee by Friday. But Trump’s lawyers swiftly promised an appeal.

WORLD & NATION

For many, a vaccination divide for holidays

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thanksgiving is Jonatan Mitchell's favorite holiday, usually spent with his wife co-hosting up to 20 loved ones.

He'd been looking forward to the gathering this year after calling it off in 2020 due to the pandemic, but one of the most pressing issues of the times got in the way: Who's vaccinated and who's not?

Mitchell, 35, in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, has a rare neurological disorder called Kleine-Levin Syndrome and a smattering of related health issues that leave him at high risk should he contract COVID-19.

Two relatives — his father-in-law and a brother-in-law — won't get vaccinated.

Rather than laying down an ultimatum doomed to fail, the Mitchells called off Thanksgiving, choosing instead to host a Friendsgiving the following day.

Mitchell's vaccinated wife will catch up with her family Thursday.

The situation, which Mitchell said is upsetting and frustrating, resonates with many families navigating the vaccination divide for the holidays. Thanksgiving is a bellwether for how the rest of the season will go among those facing family conflict over the shot.

"This is a line in the sand I'm willing to draw with others," Mitchell said of the choice not to confront his unvaccinated relatives. "I've cut off a handful of friends and acquaintances that are staunchly anti-vaccine, but you can't do that with family."

That sentiment, echoed by others, points to a transition in the pandemic from abject fear over public safety to a more long-term and intimate reshaping of social norms, said Karla Erickson, a professor of sociology at Grinnell College.

"Families often kind of



Frederick Brushaber, left, his husband, Mark Grice, and their son, Freddie, in Cincinnati. Freddie has Down syndrome, which puts him at higher risk for complications should he catch COVID-19. The trio will spend Thanksgiving in Knoxville, Tenn. **MARK GRICE**

mute conflicts and, because we paused in a way that's really rare for families, the restarting of ritual gives us a moment to reconsider things," she said. "There will be new hesitancy. A lot of people who are vaccinated might not be willing to go to an event where the host hasn't asked or doesn't know."

Carrie Verrocchio, 55, in Binghamton, New York, is a long-haul COVID-19 survivor still struggling with a loss of taste and smell 10 months after testing positive. She's hosting about 11 for Thanksgiving. Five are unvaccinated. All have been informed, she said.

"You just want people to be happy and be together, and it feels like there is constant friction. No matter what we do, there's constant friction these days," said Verrocchio, who took the vaccination after contracting the virus. "We're handling it by letting

everyone make their own decisions. It isn't ideal, but it is a plan."

Lizzie Post is the great-great-granddaughter of etiquette legend Emily Post. Her famous relative wrote her first book, "Etiquette," in 1922, not long after the Spanish flu took its deadly toll. Emily Post made no mention of how to navigate such a threat in that first edition, but the subject today is hard for her etiquette standard bearers to ignore.

"It's a really delicate subject, and it's not going to go well for everybody," said Lizzie Post, who is co-president of the Emily Post Institute, host of the Awesome Etiquette podcast, and author and co-author of several books on etiquette.

"A lot of us have gotten used to general entertaining since vaccinations have been in play. That means we actually have experience with it and we know where our

standards are for ourselves. But there are some really good reasons to back off and say, you know, maybe the big family thing isn't worth it if it's going to be so fraught," she said.

The avoidance of fraught is exactly the approach Eva Keller and her husband are taking for Thanksgiving. He has been vaccinated. She has contracted COVID-19 twice and has no plans to get the shot.

There was no talk of Thanksgiving with her husband's family.

"My husband's family has made it clear that I'm not allowed inside any of their homes until I'm fully vaccinated," said Keller, 27, in Anaheim, California. "My husband only got vaccinated because of his parents insisting. He was concerned his mother would worry herself to death if he didn't"

The two will spend Thanksgiving at home

together.

Erickson sees other pandemic strands at play heading into the holiday season.

"There are also questions," she said, "like how did this person or this family navigate the pandemic more generally? Do we share values about what this last year has meant for our families? Did we stay in touch? Have we reconnected enough to share the holiday?"

August Abbott answers etiquette questions at JustAnswer.com, a help line that has just over 10 million unique monthly visitors.

Of late, she has been responding to a barrage of questions about holiday gatherings and vaccinations. Among them: Is it rude to ask for a guest's vaccination status? Can I disinvite somebody who isn't vaccinated?

"It's kind of like Typhoid Mary. Do you invite her to dinner knowing she's

Typhoid Mary, or do you explain to Mary, 'I'm sorry, we can't take a chance. We love you, but we can't take that chance.' That's what you've got to do with unvaccinated people when it comes to COVID, most especially if someone in your household is elderly or immunocompromised. This is just a matter of health and respecting each other, not political," she said.

Tone, Abbott said, is everything.

"So it's not unreasonable to say to Uncle Jack, you know, you haven't been vaccinated. That's your prerogative. I respect that. I love you. We can't take the chance. So, Uncle Jack, do you want to come to this dinner via video? There are options like that, but you can't jeopardize health to be polite," she said.

Frederick Brushaber, 36, of Cincinnati, will be gathering for Thanksgiving with 13 family members at his mother's house in Knoxville, Tennessee. The group includes his husband and their 15-month-old son, Freddie, who has Down syndrome, which puts him at higher risk for complications should he catch COVID-19.

Brushaber's 88-year-old grandmother, who lost her husband this year, was supposed to be driving from Florida to Tennessee with an aunt and uncle. They're not vaccinated. They won't be coming after his mother had the Thanksgiving vaccination talk with them. That means grandma must board a plane alone for the first time without her husband.

"I'm not thrilled about that, but I'm just happy I get to be the winner of this," he said. "I get to have grandma and Freddie be there and I won't have to worry about anything. The numbers for people with Down syndrome are really bad. I just wish people knew that like, yeah, you have a choice to do things, but some of the most vulnerable people don't have a choice."



Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group Welcomes Nieves Hornbeck, M.D.

Primary Care Physician

Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group welcomes **Nieves Hornbeck, M.D.** as a primary care physician. Dr. Hornbeck will be accepting new patients in Windsor Locks.

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At Starbucks, union vote brewing in western NY

But Seattle-based coffee giant has fended off efforts at other cafes in the past

By Dee-Ann Durbin and Carolyn Thompson

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Never in its 50-year history has Starbucks relied on union workers to serve up frothy lattes as its U.S. cafes. But some baristas aim to change that.

Workers at three separate Starbucks stores in and around Buffalo, New York, are expected to begin voting by mail this week on whether they want to be represented by Workers United, an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union.

The National Labor Relations Board's regional office in Buffalo, which approved the vote last month, will start mailing ballots and will count the votes Dec. 9.

Starbucks appealed late Monday, asking for a delay in the election while it waits for the full NLRB in Washington to review its case. But the vote may proceed even as that review is held.

It's a rare union vote for the coffee giant, which has fought off a handful of other unionization efforts over the last two

decades. It comes at a time of increasing worker unrest across the country.

Amazon warehouse workers in New York are also seeking a union election this fall, while thousands of unionized workers at Deere & Co. and Kellogg Co. are on strike.

Dan Graff, director of the Higgins Labor Program at the University of Notre Dame, said many workers are burned out and tired of playing by the pre-coronavirus rules. They were deemed essential during the pandemic, but find they are still struggling with inflation, child care and disrespect from employers and customers.

"It's a fraught public space that we live in right now and more workers have had the opportunity to reflect and think about these issues," Graff said.

Pro-union workers say they deserve more from Starbucks, which reported record sales of \$29 billion in its 2021 fiscal year.

They say the company had chronic problems even before the pandemic, including understaffed stores and faulty equipment. They want greater say in how stores are run

and how much workers are paid.

Starbucks points to its benefits, including paid parental leave, a 401(k) program and free college tuition through Arizona State University. Late last month, it announced pay increases, saying all its U.S. workers will earn at least \$15 — and up to \$23 — per hour by next summer.

The Seattle-based company says its 8,000 company-owned U.S. stores function best when the company works directly with its employees.

About 111 employees at the three stores will be eligible to vote on unionization. A majority vote at any one of the stores would create a bargaining unit for that location.

There's a lot at stake for Starbucks.

Carolyn Plump, an associate professor of legal studies at La Salle University School of Business, said private employers almost uniformly oppose unions because they often result in higher labor costs and less flexibility. Union membership gives workers the legal right to strike and forces employers to negotiate hirings, firings and promotions.

Push to cut auto, plane emissions gets a boost

Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — Several countries and companies announced plans Wednesday to stop selling cars that run on gasoline or diesel over the next two decades, as part of efforts to clamp down on a significant source of planet-warming emissions.

But the impact of the measures will likely be limited since several major emitters — notably the United States and China — did not sign on, and they received a mixed response from environmental campaigners. Nations and airlines also pledged to reduce emissions from air travel.

On the sidelines of the U.N. climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, a group of nations said Wednesday that it would work to sell only zero-emission vehicles by 2040, and no later than 2035 in leading auto markets. While the wording of the agreement is vague, it could essentially mean switching to electric-only fleets of cars, trucks and buses.

The plan was backed by countries including Canada, Chile, Denmark, India, Poland, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Several cities and states in the U.S. also signed sign on, as did carmakers Ford, General Motors, Mercedes Benz and Volvo. Some companies, such as Volvo, had already pledged to even earlier targets to phase out combustion engines.

"This welcome move signals that a growing number of countries, auto makers and transportation providers are joining the global push for 100% zero-emissions electric vehicles," said Jake Schmidt of the New York-based nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council.

But the Brussels-based think tank Transport and Environment said the measures need to be backed by legally binding targets and noted the absence of major car markets such as China, the U.S., Germany and France.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Jobless claims fall to 267,000

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to a new pandemic low 267,000 last week as the job market recovers from last year's sharp coronavirus downturn.

Jobless claims fell by 4,000 last week, the Labor Department reported Wednesday. The four-week average of claims, which smooths out weekly ups and downs, dropped by nearly 7,300 to 278,000, also a pandemic low.

Applications for unemployment aid have been falling mostly steadily since topping 900,000 in early January and are gradually nearing prepandemic levels of around 220,000 a week. There were 2.2 million Americans collecting traditional unemployment benefits the week that ended Oct. 30.

Court upholds Google EU fine

LONDON — A top European Union court Wednesday rejected Google's appeal of a \$2.8 billion fine from regulators who found the tech giant abused its massive online reach by giving its own shopping recommendations an illegal advantage in search results.

The European Commission, the 27-nation bloc's top competition watchdog, punished Google in 2017 for unfairly directing visitors to its own shopping service, Google Shopping, to the detriment of competitors. The EU's General Court dismissed Google's appeal of that antitrust penalty and upheld the fine.

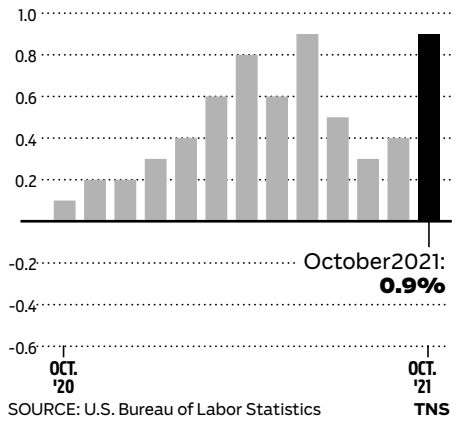
The fine was followed by two other blockbuster antitrust penalties against Google, totaling \$9.5 billion, which the company also is appealing.

Consumer Price Index

In October, the consumer price index increased 0.9 percent.

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Volunteer Libby Madden sets a table on Nov. 4 in the breakfast room at Talbot House, a World War I-era soldiers' club in Poperinge, Belgium. A lockdown last year caused by the coronavirus pandemic closed the club and threw its future into doubt. VIRGINIA MAYO/AP

Battle to survive marches on

As the pandemic carries on, war remembrance tourism tries different strategies

By Raf Casert

Associated Press

POPERINGE, Belgium — Simon Louagie dreaded losing Talbot House, a World War I soldiers' club that has become an institution in remembrance tourism on the Western Front where soldiers from all corners of the globe fought amid untold carnage just over a century ago.

For months last year, a COVID-19 lockdown closed the club which had always been an open house. Once it was for Commonwealth soldiers who shed the fear of battle in Flanders fields that was within earshot. For generations since, people found history, solace, wisdom and an understanding at Talbot House.

Since the end of World War I in 1918, millions of visitors have flocked to memorials in northern France and Belgium to pay tribute to the fallen.

Now, closing in on two years of the pandemic and travel restrictions, the tourist industry welcoming them is crippled. Lock-

downs and travel restrictions, of which many remain in place, are keeping foreign visitors away.

Another Armistice Day beckons on Nov. 11 and the outlook remains bleak.

Louagie remembers that when funds were running low and doors were closed, only one thought ran through his head: "Not on my watch." From up to 500 guests a day, he sometimes found himself alone.

"We cannot disappoint all those generations before us by letting it close down," the Talbot House manager said.

Nick Benoot, who runs the small Hooze Crater Museum not far from Poperinge could not believe it when at the end of 2019, schools started to cancel trips because of reports of a virus in Wuhan, China.

Like Louagie, he had plunged money into the business and needed any income he could get. "This is far, far away from us," he remembers saying. But the reality of the pandemic, which has since claimed at least 5 million dead across the globe, soon sank in, and he had to close on March 13, 2020.

From 65,000 paying visitors in 2017 to just 3,000 last year, the numbers demonstrated how remembrance tourism slumped throughout the region.

"It was like we went bankrupt. We had to

close everything down," he said.

Crowdfunding was the answer for Louagie. Last year, a 98-year-old World War II veteran raised money by walking from a war graves cemetery to Talbot House, cheered on by locals who pulled money out of their wallet when they were not applauding.

"It became very emotional when I saw how many people cared so deeply," Louagie said.

Benoot was looking at an empty parking lot last year and had missed the din of spoken English from heaps of British tourists that resounded in the museum and cafe. Yet this week, "we have had the first British (bus) in two years."

Even as his income dwindled amid the pandemic, Benoot understood the message of "the war to end all wars" still needed to be passed on to younger generations.

At 37, he thought himself too old to convey the message, so he left it to his sons Louis and Arthur, 10 and 8, who are now YouTube whizzes to teach kids about gas masks, helmets and medical kits. The Hooze Boys are a hit now.

"We don't do what all the rest does. So I think we have a way to survive," Benoot said.

China tamps down hype around Singles' Day

By Zen Soo

Associated Press

HONG KONG — China's biggest online shopping day, known as Singles' Day on Nov. 11, is taking on a muted tone this year as regulators crack down on the technology industry and President Xi Jinping pushes for "common prosperity."

The Singles' Day shopping festival — also known as Double 11 — is a massive event for China's e-commerce companies. Last year, consumers spent \$74 billion on Alibaba's online shopping platforms over the 11 days of the festival. Smaller rival JD.com reported \$40 billion in sales during a similar time frame.

Alibaba — China's largest e-commerce

firm — usually holds a massive gala the night before Nov. 11. Past galas have featured superstars such as Katy Perry and Taylor Swift and even acrobatic acts by the Cirque du Soleil.

A glitzy live counter starts ticking at midnight to tally in real time how much consumers have spent on Alibaba platforms like Taobao and Tmall. The festival is viewed as a barometer of consumption in the world's most populous country.

This year, Alibaba has toned down the hype.

The Singles' Day online gala Thursday will be live-streamed due to COVID-19 outbreaks in parts of China. Alibaba says it is focusing on sustainability, supporting charities and inclusivity — themes that

align with Beijing's climate goals and Xi's calls for "common prosperity" that aims to curb inequality and excessive consumption.

Earlier this year, e-commerce platform Pinduoduo pledged to give \$1.5 billion in profits to farmers to boost their incomes, while Alibaba has committed \$15.5 billion to subsidies for small and medium-sized enterprises and supporting workers in the gig economy, such as delivery drivers, according to local news outlet Zhejiang News.

The shift to emphasizing sustainability comes after Alibaba was fined a record \$2.8 billion for violating antitrust rules. China has been stepping up scrutiny of the technology sector and moving to curb monopolistic practices that hurt consumers' rights.

BUSINESS

Pomfret manufacturer boasts 100% vaccination rate

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

All of the approximately 250 employees at a Pomfret manufacturer have now been vaccinated against COVID-19, the result of a three-month effort in an area in Connecticut not known for welcoming the shot.

Workers at Loos & Co., part of Canadian-based Central Wire Industries, are among 750 throughout the company who faced a stark choice: Be vaccinated or be fired. At Loos & Co., eight employees quit rather than receive the vaccine. Because of the manufacturing environment, employers cannot keep vaccinated and unvaccinated workers apart, said Paul From, president and chief executive of Central Wire Industries, a specialty manufacturer of wire used in medical, aviation, energy

and other industries.

“There was no option for testing,” he said.

Facing the loss of “thousands and thousands of production hours” due to COVID-19, the company’s board of directors and top leadership set the vaccination policy in July. Employees faced an Oct. 29 deadline and were offered paid time off to get the shot and use of an on-site vaccination clinic.

Workers met the deadline and Loos & Co. announced a 100% vaccination rate.

Several workers requested religious or medical exemption at Central Wire, but could not be accommodated, From said, and a total of 15 employees across the company quit rather than be vaccinated.

“That surprised me,” he said. “I expected not to face that problem in Connecticut. Eastern Connecticut is different.”

As President Joe Biden set a Jan. 4 deadline for employers with 100 or more workers to require vaccines or weekly testing and Gov. Ned Lamont set vaccine mandates for Connecticut state employees to push back the 20-month-old virus, businesses are split over how to confront COVID-19.

In Connecticut, about 33 manufacturers had a 100% vaccination rate as of mid-September, according to a Connecticut Business & Industry Association survey that drew responses from 281 companies.

At Modern Plastics Inc., a Shelton manufacturer of engineering grade plastics and plastics fabrication, 20 of 21 employees are vaccinated, said President Bing J. Carbone. The lone holdout said he would be vaccinated when the federal mandate takes effect, Carbone said.

The vaccine was not mandatory, Carbone said.

The best approach to get employees vaccinated is not by threats or other “forceful means,” but by education from the federal Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration, Carbone said in an email.

Towns in eastern Connecticut have greater numbers of COVID-19 cases than elsewhere in the state. Though Pomfret had a relatively low rate — fewer than five per 100,000 in the last two weeks in October, according to the state’s daily data report — other towns reported as many as 45 cases.

Tony Sheridan, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, said he sees a “growing willingness to be vaccinated” in the region.

“People want to get back

to normal,” he said. “I think you’re going to see a difference if not already. Schools are getting heavily engaged.”

About 80% of Connecticut residents have received at least one dose, according to the CDC.

Central Wire Industries has sites in Sheffield, England, and Ontario, Canada, and operates manufacturing sites in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

From expected “huge pushback” from workers in Florida, South Carolina and Texas where opposition to mandates is strong. But “it didn’t happen,” he said.

A catalyst to move on a vaccine mandate, he said, was a deteriorating environment at a plant in Florida with a low vaccination rate and COVID-19 “walking in the door,” From said. He was

able to keep the plant open with one employee in the lab. But it was close to being shut, likely for 10 days.

With a labor shortage that’s common at manufacturers, managers are operating with 15% fewer workers. An additional loss of employees due to the pandemic “can basically cripple the company,” he said.

Colin Cooper, Connecticut’s chief manufacturing officer, said manufacturers who require vaccines risk losing employees.

“No one wants to unilaterally risk alienating 10% of their workforce,” he said. “Most companies are reluctant to have their own mandate.”

From said his company’s vaccination policy could be a recruiting tool.

“If employees feel overlooked and not listened to, come and talk to us,” he said.

Global chip shortage swaps the power to manufacturers

By Don Clark
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Since 1989, Microchip Technology has operated in an unglamorous backwater of the electronics industry, making chips called microcontrollers that add computing power to cars, industrial equipment and many other products.

Now a global chip shortage has elevated the company’s profile.

Demand for Microchip’s products is running more than 50% higher than it can supply.

That has put the company, based in Chandler, Arizona, in an unfamiliar position of power, which it began wielding this year.

While Microchip normally lets customers

cancel a chip order within 90 days of delivery, it began offering shipment priority to clients that signed contracts for 12 months of orders that couldn’t be revoked or rescheduled.

These commitments reduced the chances that orders would evaporate when the scarcity ended, giving Microchip more confidence to safely hire workers and buy costly equipment to increase production.

“It gives us the ability to not hold back,” said Ganesh Moorthy, president and CEO of Microchip, which Thursday reported that profit in the latest quarter tripled and that sales rose 26% to \$1.65 billion.

Such contracts are just one example of how the \$500 billion chip industry is

changing because of the silicon shortage, with many of the shifts likely to outlive the pandemic-fueled dearth.

The lack of the tiny components — which has pinched makers of cars, game consoles, medical devices and many other goods — has been a stark reminder of the foundational nature of chips, which act as the brains of computers and other products.

Chief among the changes is a long-term shift in market power from chip buyers to sellers, particularly those that own factories that make the semiconductors.

The most visible beneficiaries have been giant chip manufacturers like Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., which offer services called foundries that build chips for other



Ganesh Moorthy, chief executive of Microchip Technology, displays an example of the product in Chandler, Arizona. TOMAS KARMELO AMAYA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

to help chip makers increase production.

Above all, the chip makers are asking clients to share more information earlier about which chips they will need, which helps guide decisions about how to lift manufacturing.

“That visibility is what we need,” said Hassane El-Khoury, CEO of chip maker Onsemi, a company previously known as ON Semiconductor.

Many of the chip makers said they were using their new power with restraint, helping customers avoid problems like factory shutdowns and raising prices modestly.

That’s because gouging customers, they said, could cause bad blood that would hurt sales when shortages end.

Even so, the power shift has been unmistakable.

“Today there is no leverage” for buyers, said Mark Adams, CEO of Smart Global Holdings, a major user of memory chips.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, November 11, 2021

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↑ 10-YR T-BOND
1.55% +12

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Change: -240.04 (-0.7%)

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FUELS			
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Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.88	4.98	+92.20%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.30	2.38	+61.34%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,847.60	1,830.20	-2.40%
Silver (oz)	24.77	24.31	-5.94%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

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Britain	1.3414	.7455	3.25
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China	.1565	6.3888	0.07
Euro	1.1483	.8708	1.23
Japan	.008784	113.84	1.55
Mexico	.048492	20.6220	1.96

Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt	16,067.83	+27.36	+17%
London	7,340.15	+66.11	+91%
Hong Kong	24,996.14	+183.01	+74%
Nikkei	29,106.78	-178.68	-61%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	38.29	-1.64	+1706.1	
AT&T Inc (T)	24.95	+24	-13.2	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	139.87	-9.05	+52.5	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	82.29	
Amyris Inc (AMRS)	7.51	-.45	+21.6	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	147.92	-2.89	+11.5	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	50.84	+57	+11.9	
Bank of America (BAC)	47.23	+35	+55.8	
Barnes Group (B)	44.21	+22	-12.8	
Barrick Gold (GOLD)	20.46	+84	-10.2	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2569.78	-78.42	+15.4	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	59.39	-.07	-.43	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	92.96	+20	+36.1	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	54.63	-.18	+44.8	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	701.25	+4.94	+6.0	
Cigna Corp (CI)	217.84	+1.64	+4.6	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	54.17	+42	+3.4	
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	5.10	-.39	-72.0	
Coty Inc (COTY)	10.47	-.34	+49.1	
DIDI Global Inc (DIDI)	8.95	+83	-36.7	
Disney (DIS)	174.45	-.66	-3.7	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	130.60	-.92	+42.8	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.68	-.20	+22.1	
Eversource Energy (ES)	83.74	+42	-3.2	
EVgo Inc A (EVGO)	15.41	+61	+5.7	
Ford Motor (F)	19.36	-.76	+120.3	
Freeport McMoran (FCX)	37.52	-1.68	+44.2	
fuboTV Inc (FUBO)	25.47	-7.66	-.90	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	10.24	-.59	-.83	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	201.33	-1.55	+35.3	
Gen Electric (GE)	108.96	-2.33	+26.4	
Grt Panther Silver (GPL)	.27	-.11	-68.3	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	72.49	+32	+48.0	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	225.41	-1.36	+6.0	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	17.61	-.04	+33.0	
iFresh Inc (IFMK)	1.18	+32	+50.7	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.96	-.34	+35.5	
Intel Corp (INTC)	50.76	-.44	+1.9	
Kaman (KAMN)	20.48	+01	-29.1	
Keycorp (KEY)	23.90	+19	+45.6	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	72.03	-.18	+43.2	
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	40.75	-4.03	+51.9	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	46.06	-1.27	+46.2	
Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)	94.76	-.07	+14.4	
Meten Holding Group (METX)	.56	-.13	-72.2	
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.35	+.38	+34.9	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	330.80	-5.15	+48.7	
Novartis AG (NVS)	83.17	+.08	-11.9	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	294.59	-11.98	+125.7	
Ocugen Inc (OCGN)	8.53	-.39	+366.1	
OpenDoor Technol (OPEN)	19.52	-1.48	-14.1	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	83.36	-.18	+23.4	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	22.52	-1.73	-.44	
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	18.08	+.18	+39.8	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.02	+1.72	+33.2	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	7.62	-.01	+23.7	
Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	40.18	-.54	+18.5	
Progenity Inc (PROG)	3.52	+.11	-33.7	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	109.58	+.42	+40.4	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	62.72	+.56	+7.6	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	90.18	-.81	+26.1	
RenovoRx Inc (RNXT)	8.16	+2.75	+12.4	
Riot Blockchain Inc (RIOT)	36.49	-3.37	+114.8	
Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	100.73	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.19	-.36	+73.3	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	95.26	-14.26	+37.1	
SOS Ltd (SOS)	1.46	-.65	-1.4	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	79.15	-.03	+8.8	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	20.42	-1.72	-9.8	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	187.40	-.62	+5.0	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	26.09	+.05	+35.2	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.68	-.04	+43.0	
Tellurian Inc (TELL)	3.80	-.70	+196.9	
Terex Corp (TEX)	47.99	-1.64	+37.5	
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	1067.95	+44.45	+51.3	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	158.22	+.82	+12.7	
Uber Technologies (UBER)	43.38	-2.13	-14.9	
United Rentals (URI)	379.98	-11.52	+63.8	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	459.90	-4.45	+31.1	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	317.01	-.38	+46.1	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	66.30	+.36	+12.7	
Webster Financial (WBS)	58.30	-.19	+38.3	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1122.57	+12.55	+12.2	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	55.29	-1.50	+15.1	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	76.25	-1.14	+9.9	
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Masks made sense in 2020. Not now.

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Bloomberg Opinion

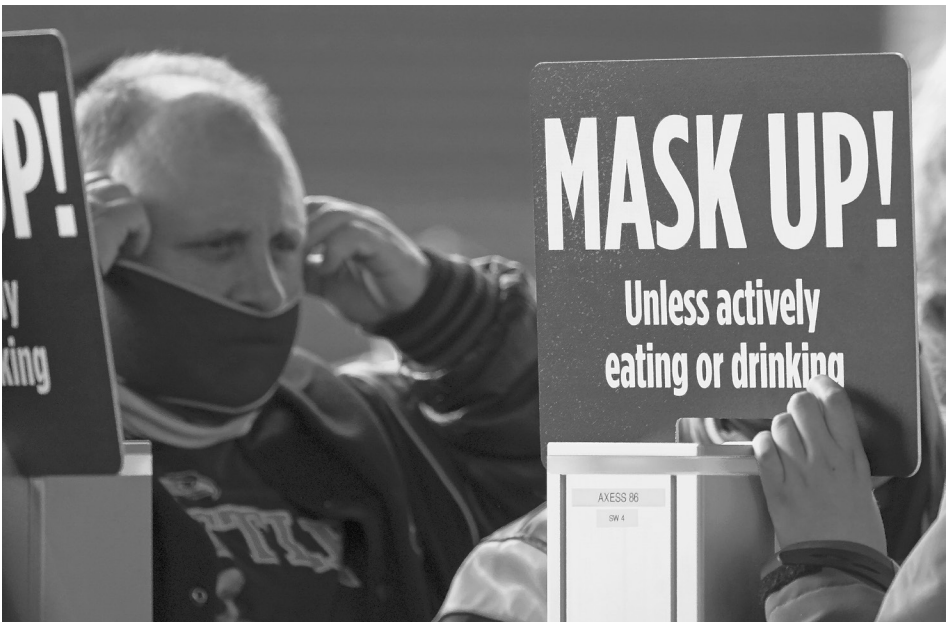
The importance of masks to public health is fading as other pandemic-fighting tools emerge: highly effective vaccines, better tests and now powerful antiviral drugs. So it's time to consider making masks optional in most settings.

It made sense to turn to masks when COVID-19 was spreading fast in the spring of 2020. The benefits weren't (and still aren't) measurable with the same kind of rigorous science that's been applied to vaccines, but it was reasonable to assume that universal masking could slow the spread of disease and death when little else was available.

Vaccines aren't perfect, but most of the 68% of Americans who are fully vaccinated are very unlikely to get sick enough to need to go to the hospital — and those who are more vulnerable because of their age or health problems can increase their protection with a booster shot.

More good news came this month. Pfizer Inc. announced Friday that its new COVID-19 pill reduced hospitalizations and deaths in high-risk patients by 89%; an antiviral medication developed by Merck & Co. won approval for use in the U.K. last week. Rapid testing is easier to get, so people can reduce the risk of spreading the disease to others if they want to visit vulnerable friends or attend a gathering. Other perceived risks can be safely discarded: Nobody is going to get sick by touching a grocery bag or going for a bike ride.

The number of hospitalized patients has fallen to half of the latest summer peak. The virus isn't going away, but its menace is subsiding. That should make it possible to reconsider the shrinking benefits of masking and especially mask mandates against real costs that public health author-



A fan adjusts his mask before an NFL game between the Seattle Seahawks and the Tennessee Titans on Sept. 19 in Seattle. **ELAINE THOMPSON/AP**

ities have been loath to acknowledge.

Even many of the experts who pushed for universal masking are calling for a reversal. “This isn't about whether masks work,” said Joseph Allen, an assistant professor at the Harvard University School of Public Health. “I wrote a piece in April 2020 saying everyone needed to wear a mask ... but now we have other tools in place, and this is why I don't think mask mandates make sense anymore.”

It's not that people should stop caring about the virus. But as risk-communication expert Peter Sandman has said, any policy people don't follow is a bad policy, and at this point, people are unlikely to follow a policy that asks them to wear a mask in all work and social situations for the foreseeable future.

Masks can make people unhappy. They stifle communication and human interaction — affecting business and social activity. That's why people — even those making the rules — often take them off in private to interact and socialize. Along with other restrictions, unnecessary masking is contributing to an epidemic of isolation, loneliness and poor mental health.

Many experts think masks interfere with education as well. “As someone who has been out and about in the world, and I have young kids, I see that it impacts socialization and learning,” Allen said.

Masking also amps up resistance to returning to the office, which many employers consider a necessary part of restoring prosperity and business efficiency. Just let the worried stay home.

There's strong consensus that unvaccinated adults should still use masks, and those who are still fearful even after three shots can feel even more protected if they wear a high-quality mask such as an N95. There may be a need for temporary mask mandates in places where an outbreak threatens to overwhelm the hospitals.

There are ways to make life safer without counting on mask mandates. Public health authorities could provide more useful information to estimate risk and minimize it by avoiding the most dangerous situations. It's still not clear, for example, if supermarkets really pose much danger. And better information is needed on when and how to use rapid tests.

But it's past time to stop acting as though everyone must be treated as equally imperiled. Reality-based policies that take into consideration the way humans behave and interact should replace one-size-fits-all dogma.

Young, healthy people who are fully vaccinated are very unlikely to end up hospitalized with COVID-19. And the risk a vaccinated person poses to others is very small, said Amesh Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. “For fully vaccinated people, I think there's marginal benefit to mask wearing.”

Adalja said he favors what he called a harm-reduction approach to public health rather than abstinence-only.

“I think it's important for people to learn to live with this virus,” Adalja said.

That means people who are still fearful or vulnerable should be free to work from home. As for the rest of us, living with risk is just part of living. It reasonable for people to want to go back to showing their faces and living their lives.

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Why we need new universities



Ross Douthat

The plans for the University of Austin, a startup university founded under the banner of free inquiry and “the fearless pursuit of truth” and promising an undergraduate college by 2024, were greeted with a fair amount of skepticism by the journalists and academics in my Twitter feed this week.

The new university has a notable group of intellectuals on its board of advisers, and a distinguished former college president at its helm, and it's beginning at a time when elite academia seems like it could use some shaking up. On the one hand their rapacious business dealings (like charging insane prices for not-particularly-valuable degrees), hedge-fund habits and administrative bloat make our leading universities seem like the most corporate and cynical of American institutions. At the same time they suffer from a self-inflicted McCarthyism, a climate of increasing ideological conformism punctuated by cancellation controversies and policed by diversity-equity-inclusion loyalty oaths.

Altogether, then, a sector seemingly in need of novelty and new experiments, ideally in the name of some sort of higher academic values. But people who care about academia are also subject to its ideological-professional pressures and unlikely to welcome certain kinds of criticism. So the fact that the University of Austin was announced with an essay on my former colleague Bari Weiss' extremely popular but also extremely polarizing Substack, and offered in its initial literature a sharp-elbowed critique of progressive conformity in higher ed, was enough to guarantee a reflexively hostile response.

In fairness, not *all* of these insta-critiques read as ideological talking points or defenses of guild hierarchies. A few were more substantive, pointing to the tensions inherent in the new project, should it actually get off the ground. For instance, the tension between the desire to promote great academic seriousness and the culture-war flag-waving that might be necessary to rally donor support. Or again, the tension between the desire to restore older modes of liberal education and the internet-era impulse to offer something novel, an unbundled academic experience, some sort of Substack U.

But one issue that kept coming up deserves particular attention: the sheer financial and logistical challenge of getting a new university going. This issue was cited by critics as proof that the project would inevitably end up as a diploma mill or grift, while friendlier voices cited it as reason that the figures involved in the new university should be trying to strengthen existing institutions instead.

The point itself is absolutely correct:



Pedestrians walk on campus in April 2019 at Stanford University in California. **JEFF CHIU/AP FILE**

You can't start a real competitor to our major universities on the cheap. At the same time, though, America is an extremely rich country, with many great new fortunes rising in the internet era, and we're supposed to be a dynamic one — the kind of place where competitors are always rising and falling, where startups regularly overthrow monopolies, where big social and technological changes yield new thinking, new movements, new institutions.

That's our self-image, at least. Whether it matches reality is more doubtful — and the fact that we have seen so few important universities established since the 19th century, and that people who set out to start one are assumed to be engaged in a quixotic or foredoomed quest, is a notable case study in American stagnation.

A version of this point was made by Niall Ferguson, one of the advisers to the University of Austin, in a column making the case for the project. You don't have to agree with his entire argument to recognize that he's right about the striking dearth of new academic institutions, the striking sameness of the U.S. News & World Report lists year by year. Yes, occasionally existing schools dramatically reinvent themselves (as NYU and Washington University in St. Louis did in recent decades), or outsider colleges succeed as business propositions (like Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, cited by skeptics as an example of where the University of Austin might end up).

But overall the elite-college landscape looks more like a cartel than a zone of thriving innovation.

This puzzle is not resolved by suggesting that it takes more money to start a top-flight college than it did when Leland Stanford or Johns Hopkins helped establish the schools that bear their family names. True, it would take hundreds of millions of dollars today, if not billions, to set a new college on its way. But the Stanford and Hopkins gifts came to hundreds of millions in today's dollars, and donors gave nearly \$50 billion to American higher education in the 2019 fiscal year. Is it so implausible to imagine a world where

5% or 10% of that spending went to a few significant startup universities? Alternatively, the federal government spent about \$150 billion on higher education in 2018; a billion-dollar endowment for a new public university would cost a tiny fraction of that.

I'm emphasizing both private and public largess because different factions and groups in our national life, not just conservatives and liberal critics of woke-ness, would benefit from more academic entrepreneurship. For instance, in my experience, successful people from Silicon Valley, whatever their political beliefs, tend to have very definite views on what's wrong with the legacy institutions of the East Coast and their hidebound ways. But that certainty often coexists with a digital-age bias against any kind of old-fashioned institution-building, an impulse to “disrupt” philanthropy rather than simply imitating the tycoons of the past.

Obviously there are lots of potentially admirable and productive ways for internet tycoons to disburse their billions. But universities are the great power centers of science and industry and culture in our time, they're generally agreed to be in serious need of reinvention and reform, and it's a little peculiar that you don't see the new superrich trying to put their stamp on the meritocracy — that we don't yet have the Gates University or the Bezos Collegium.

Not every rich donor has the Muskian or Bezosian capacity to start a university single-handedly. But even just the opportunity to help shape a new one seems worth more than the chance to become a rounding error to the multibillion-dollar endowments of the Ivy League. Amid all this week's tweeting about the University of Austin, for instance, the journalist Julia Ioffe asked its partisans: “Would you send your kids there? If it was between, say, Harvard and University of Austin, what would you choose?” I have no idea what the parental answer ought to be, given that the startup school is just an outline at the moment. But if I had *money* to give to a university and I had any sympathy for the Austin project whatsoever, I would

definitely choose to put it there rather than into Harvard's pockets.

A similar logic applies to public money we spend on higher education. I've argued before that conservatives should favor establishing national public universities, under bipartisan supervision and with a mandate to cultivate ideological diversity, rather than fighting endless battles at the state level over cutting funding or programs or blocking tenure appointments they dislike.

But the left, too, which has its own litany of complaints about the corporate university, should see advantages in establishing novel institutions. Forgiving student debt is well and good, but I suspect that if you took the billions of dollars of higher-ed money being pondered in the Build Back Better plan and set up a group of national public universities aimed at offering low-cost educations to low-income Americans, you would do more good than sluicing it through the system that saddled all those kids with debt in the first place.

And for that matter, if you're the kind of progressive donor or foundation that's given generously to the initiatives and ideas that the University of Austin's would-be founders regard as threatening to academic freedom, wouldn't you want to see your own vision of the university realized with full integrity somewhere, instead of being compromised by its association with historically tainted institutions?

The absence of such true experiments tends to confirm one of my working theories of our era — namely, that you can tell that some of the talk about roiling crisis and radical transformation is overblown because of how tightly people cling to existing power centers, and how few are willing to strike out on their own.

Whatever comes of its attempt, then, I'm grateful for the University of Austin's provisional existence — as a modest effort to push back against decadence, a small attempt to prove my diagnosis wrong.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

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OBITUARIES

Aitken, Kenneth J.



Kenneth James Aitken, 72, of Hartford, beloved husband of Ann (McQuillian) Aitken, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2021. Ken was born on September 15, 1949 in Hartford and was the son of the late Kenneth G. and Mary (Lattarullo) Aitken. Ken grew up in Hartford, and he served honorably in the U. S. Army. For many year's Ken worked for the Hartford Courant as a dispatch driver. A lifelong, dedicated fan of the Boston Red Sox, he never missed a game and knew everything there was to know about his BOSOX. In addition, Ken was an avid fan of UConn basketball. A dedicated communicant of Corpus Christi Church, Ken was a member of their folk group for many years. Ken was a wonderful husband, he and Ann enjoyed 35 years together, and he will be sadly missed. In addition to his parents, Ken was also predeceased by his brother Richard. Ann is forever grateful to Louie and Jerry for their years of friendship and support. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church), 600 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield. (Masks are required.) Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Bentley, Ruth P.



Ruth Pauline Bentley, 92, a former resident of Windsor Locks, CT and Homestead Mews in North Bennington, VT and more recently of the Centers of Living and Rehabilitation in Bennington died Monday November 8, 2021 at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington. Friends may call at the Mahar and Son Funeral Home in Bennington on Saturday November 13, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The funeral will be held at the funeral home at Saturday at 11:00 a.m. The burial will follow in the family lot at the Sandgate Cemetery in Sandgate, VT. To read the entire obituary, please visit www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net

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Borowy, William E.



It is in deepest sorrow that we share the news of William Borowy's passing at the age of 35, the morning of November 7, 2021. William attended Newington High School and the University of Hartford. In life William possessed an over-abundant zeal for life and for positivity and humor and could seek out and share joy to lighten even the darkest of places. After University of



Hartford, William joined the United States Navy where he could provide medical assistance as his huge heart led him to be of service. To all who knew and loved him, he was always a nonstop link to producing smiles and always made it a point to link together those that he loved, to ensure nobody he loved would ever have to feel alone. The love William had for those in his heart can never cease and will live on through the memories of him. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the healthcare professionals at the VA Hospital for their care and commitment to William over the past month. He leaves behind his loving mother, Karen Borowy of Newington, CT, his sister, Laura Ronda and his nieces and nephews Skylar, Kataryna and Christian of Lake Elsinore, CA. All his family loves him more than words can express and he will be dearly missed. Funeral services for William will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 10:00 A.M in the West Meadow Cemetery Chapel, with military honors. Following his service, he will be lovingly laid to rest in the cemetery. Duksa Family Funeral Home at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave, Newington is assisting his family. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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BURROWS, Blake Alexander



Blake Alexander Burrows, age 27, of Manchester and formerly Coventry and East Hartford, passed away unexpectedly from this world on November 3, 2021, due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Born in Manchester on December 13, 1993, loving mother is Kerry (Nadeau) Burrows with partner Eric Sandberg of Rocky Hill. Loving father is Robert "Bob" A. Burrows, Jr. with partner Amber Bouley of Vernon. In addition to his parents, Blake will be forever missed by his siblings; sister, Alexa Burrows with partner Brandon Curtin of Dorchester, MA; brother, Chase Burrows of Rocky Hill, half-brother Parker Burrows of Vernon, as well as his grandparents, MaryAnn (Dignazio) Shustock and husband Ted of Rocky Hill; uncles, Ted Burrows and wife Carmen of East Hartford and Ken Nadeau and wife Evelyn of Moss Beach, CA; cousins, Anthony Burrows, Maritza Burrows, Roman Nadeau, Sofia Nadeau and Alex Ormeno-Manfredi. Blake also had a special bond with Ambers daughter, Kadyn Bouley and treated her as his little sister. Blake's memory will also be carried on by countless friends who adored his kind heart and caring demeanor, and he will be greatly missed by his loving cat, Jerry. Blake is now resting in peace with his beloved grandparents, Robert A. Burrows, Sr. and Barbara Burrows, and Richard K. Nadeau. Blake had such a close relationship with all his grandparents, especially Grandpa N., who called him his little Buddy or as an adult, just Bud.

Growing up, Blake loved to play sports, he was always considered one of the top baseball players in town with that sweet left-handed swing and side arm motion pitching that always left him with a sore elbow. His Dad considered it an honor to coach him and his teammates for over eight years. Blake also played rec basketball for many years forging great friendship with teammates and coaches alike. To Blake, sports were a priority, routing for the Boston Red Sox, Green Bay Packers, (who can forget how he said Rodgers) and whatever basketball team LeBron James was playing for (Cavaliers, Heat and now Lakers) along with Jeff Hardy, Shane McMann, Braun Strowman of the WWE. If he wasn't watching his teams on TV you would find him attending the live sporting events such as UConn Basketball WWE Smackdowns and Wolfpack Hockey. One of his happiest moments in the last month was when he was a caller to an ESPN radio show and began a debate with the hosts about the Packers. It's no wonder that Blake came to love the WWE, as he would have his own smackdown with his younger brother Chase, always tossing him around in the pool and worrying mom of course, that someone was going to get hurt. Blake would also naturally pick on his older sister Alexa but then his softer side would come out when he would sit and play something that she wanted to do for hours. It was apparent despite the swimming pool smackdowns and sisterly pickings, that Blake from a very young age loved all his siblings. Blake was a sensitive soul with such a kind heart. He had a soft spot in his heart for animals, especially cats. Three cats in particular . . . Callie (visited him at work every day for a meal until he took her in), McNugget (just a baby kitty blind in one eye, found in the pouring rain at McDonalds) and Jerry, were blessed to be on the receiving end of Blake's innate ability to rescue and care for them, until he found them good homes working with the Protectors of Animals. Fortunately for sweet Jerry, his home was with Blake. Other pets in Blakes life who miss his visits are Bullet, Moxie and Hazel, who he insisted on calling Basil. Blake's ability to care went beyond his love for animals . . . Blake always found it easier to put others before himself, as he was the guy that would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Growing up if you were one of his friends then you knew his level of devotion to his people. When his Grandpa N could no longer drive, Blake would pick him up every Saturday and drive him to the Elks club to enjoy chili dogs and guy talk. Part of Blake having a sensitive soul included his emotional attachment to family traditions, specifically those of the holidays. Christmas was a favorite of Blake's and he especially loved looking forward to opening Xmas pajama pants every year and the comfort of knowing he was going to have his mother's homemade French Onion Soup Au Gratin every Christmas Eve, and his dads tenderloin Christmas night, along with a bowl for dipping, he always had to have a dipper. Another family tradition was going to the beach in Cape Cod and Hollywood Beach in FL . . . he would swim like a fish when it came to riding the waves. Although being in the ocean wasn't his only passion with nature . . . just like his mama, Blake found solace when hiking or taking simple nature walks. Treasured moments were shared with his mom, when Blake would partake in leaving kindness rocks along the trails. These heartfelt memories of Blake will live forever in our hearts here on earth and we know new memories are being made right now with Blake reuniting with all three of his grandparents, and countless pets long the way. Donations in Blake's memory may be made to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center designated to Hematology/Oncology. Please make checks payable to: CCMC Foundation, Attn: Laura Schmelter, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106 (please include Blake's name in the memo line) or online at <https://www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org/ways-give> or to Protectors of Animals, 144 Main Street, Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118. The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, November 14th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. To share a memory of Blake with his family, please visit www.desopoe.com.



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Krause, Carline A. (Kalinowski)



Carline Ann Krause 08/03/1943 - 04/29/2020 For most of her life, Carline lived in Middletown, Connecticut. She moved to Florida, or as she dubbed it "God's Waiting Room" in 2010, to live out her sunset years. Carline had an uncanny knack for being in the right place at the right time, making herself noticed. She thrived in the spotlight, loved the company of people, and her dog, Buffy. She is survived by a daughter, Sandie Mintz (Rick Gordon) and a granddaughter, Eloise Gordon, of Nesbit, MS, sister Jeri Webb (Mark), brothers Jim Kalinowski (Linda) and Ricky Kalinowski, of CA, several nieces and nephews, and her beloved dog, Buffy. Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday November 13, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Portland, Connecticut, with burial to follow, at Swedish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made an Alcohol Treatment Center in your area, or your local Humane Society.

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Bailey, Janet A



Janet A (Hazlehurst) Bailey, 78, of Winsted CT passed away Friday, November 5th after a brief battle with cancer. Born in Hartford May 29, 1943 to the late George and Evelyn Hazlehurst. She lived in West Hartford for most of her life. She was a graduate of Conard High School, Class of 1961. Retiring to Winsted from Hartford Hospital where she was an administrative assistant.

She is survived by her two sisters, Cyndy Ostrout of Enfield, Sharon (Bruce) Brettschneider of Steuben ME, her two daughters, Jennifer Bailey of Torrington and Diana (John) Collins of Wethersfield, five grandchildren Katie Gustafson, Joe (Hollie) Patnoe, Tim Patnoe, Liam Collins and Michaela Collins and five great grandchildren Jazlyn, Brayden, Benjamin, Emma and Lyanna.

She was a quilter, knitter and crafter. Selling many of her handmade items at local fairs with her partner, Woody Woodmansee. Together they also volunteered at the Warner Theater and local soup kitchen. Janet was very outgoing and could make friends wherever she went. An avid sports fan, especially tennis and football. One of her greatest joys was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to call on Monday (November 15, 2021) from 10 to 11 AM at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. A graveside service will follow at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, as November is National Epilepsy Awareness month, donations in Janet's memory may be made to www.epilepsy.com Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rose-hillfuneralhomes.com

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Boudreau, Kenneth Enzo



Kenneth Enzo Boudreau, 53, of Mansfield Center, CT, passed away September 21, 2021, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, CT, after a valiant struggle with a bacterial infection that invaded his bloodstream and attacked his heart. His devoted brother, two sisters, and sister-in-law were at his side throughout. Kenneth was born December 24, 1967, in Gardner, MA, and grew up in Baldwinville, MA. He graduated from Narragansett High School (1985), where he played football and was involved in theater. His life's journey brought him to New Hampshire, Martha's Vineyard, California, Florida, and, finally, Connecticut.

He was skilled at carpentry, cabinetry, and other trades. An avid outdoorsman and seeker of wisdom, Kenneth loved all things bright and beautiful, all things wise and wonderful, all creatures great and small. He had an immense passion for life and was always ready with a positive hug for anyone.

Kenneth was predeceased by his father, George J. Boudreau and his mother, Jeannine M. (Monette) Boudreau Roy. He is survived by his son Chase McNiff of Amherst, MA, his brother Larry (Michelle) Boudreau of Ashburnham, MA, his two sisters, Nannette Voisine and Suzette (Roger) Goguen, both of Gardner, MA.

In addition, he leaves two cherished nieces, Lauren (DJ) Boudreau of Orange, MA, and Vanessa (Corey) Boudreau of Winchendon, MA.

Kenneth has numerous extended family and dear friends worldwide. They will feel a tremendous void because he has left this physical world. Celebrations of his life have been held in Gardner, MA, and Columbia, CT. If you were not able to attend either of them, give somebody a big hug in Kenneth's memory.

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Knight, Jr., George Ferry

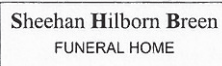


George Ferry Knight, Jr., 89 of West Hartford, died peacefully at home on Monday, November 8, 2021. George was born in Brooklyn, NY, where he lived for 30 years. George was a Korean War Army veteran, and a graduate of Brooklyn College where he met his wife of 65 years, Lillian. He worked for the Travelers Insurance Company for 39 years, first in New York City, then Chicago,



Illinois and then in 1965 he was transferred to Connecticut and moved to West Hartford where he resided for the last 56 years.

George was an avid sports fan and coached in the Town sports leagues for many years. He loved the New York Yankees, golf, UCONN basketball and baseball, Aruba, traveling, genealogy, bourbon, Dixieland jazz, country music, reading, bagpipes and most of all his family. George was a devout Catholic and was a man of great faith. He is survived by his wife Lillian; son George; daughter and son-in-law Diane and Leonard Adam; son and daughter-in-law Chuck and Kathryn; and daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Wayne. He was a loving grandfather to nine grandchildren, Rachel and Heather Knight; Michael (Amy) Adam; Suzanne (Hasan) Nasar; Christopher (Cathy) Adam; Allison (Mike) Scolnic; Thomas (Jessica) Knight; John and Kayla Knight; and two great-grandchildren Olivia and Jonathan Adam. Calling hours will be Sunday, (November 14), from 2 pm to 5 pm at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave, West Hartford. A mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, (November 15), 10 am at St. Brigid Church, New Britain Ave, West Hartford. The family would like to thank the aides from Companions and Homemakers who helped Lillian care for George during these last months. Private burial will occur at a family plot at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY on Tuesday, November 16. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the House of Bread, 1453 Main St, Hartford, CT 06120 (online: www.hobread.org) or the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692(online: www.heart.org). Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Harrell, Walter Lee

Walter Lee Harrell, aka “Sarge”, 76, of Hartford, CT passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Amberwoods of Farmington. He was born on October 18, 1945 in Hartford, CT, to the late Bismark, Sr. and MercyDese (Horne) Harrell. Walter attended Weaver High School and was an active member in the United States Navy. After being honorably discharged from the US Navy, he worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Walter was predeceased by his four brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his former wife, Cisalee (Shepherd) Harrell, of Maryland; loving and caring daughters Shawnte' Berry, of Hartford, CT and Leslee M. Harrell, of Owings Mills, MD; and four grandchildren, of Hartford, CT. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces/nephews, and great-great nieces/nephews. And, a cherished niece, Shawn Harrell, of Hartford, CT, that took care of him until his last days. He was a good man and will be missed by many. The memorial and burial will be held at 1PM on Friday, November 12, 2021 at the Middletown VA Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT 06457.

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Mortensen, Linda Kathleen

Linda Kathleen Mortensen of East Hartford, CT, age 70, passed away Friday November 5th, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Born on January 8th 1951 to George and Anna Maletich she lived most of her life in the town she loved, Colchester, CT. She married the love of her life, Kirk Mortensen on July 24th, 1971. They just celebrated 50 years of marriage. She graduated from Manchester Community College with a nursing degree and spent her career as a nurse at the Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill, CT. Always one who wanted to spend more time with her children she started a second career at Stop and Shop in Colchester where her two children, Jason Mortensen of Middletown, and Brandy Mortensen-Coccia of Lebanon also worked. She was a stubborn and loving lady with a sharp sense of humor. She is survived by her husband Kirk Mortensen of East Hartford, CT, a son, Jason Mortensen of Middletown, CT, and a daughter and son in law, Brandy and Louis Coccia of Lebanon, CT., a brother, George Maletich of Bristol, CT and a sister and brother in law, Bonita and David Gobeljski of Newton, CT. She also had a sister in law and her husband, John and Eileen Zavaski of Plainfield, CT and a Sister in law, Jo Anne Turner of East Haddam, CT and sister in law Natalie Mortensen of Maine. She was preceded by a son, Kirk Daniel Mortensen of Colchester, CT, a brother in law, Ronald Turner of East Haddam, CT, brother in law Einer Mortensen of New York and a sister like sister-in-law, Lisa Tulisano of Rocky Hill, CT. She was loved by all and will be missed. Calling hours are 3-4pm Friday, November 12, 2021 at Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave, Windsor, CT with a service to follow.

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McDonough Sr., William H.



William (Bill) Henry McDonough, Sr. died peacefully on Friday November 5, 2021 surrounded by loved ones after a lengthy illness. He was born in Hartford CT on November 14, 1939 and was the oldest child of Estelle (McCullough) and George Francis McDonough.

Bill grew up in Bloomfield and lovingly stayed in the area most of his life, with few exceptions. He attended and graduated from the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. His only other significant venture beyond Connecticut was his basic training in Mississippi for the Air National Guard.

He loved being with his siblings Marty (O'Brien), John and Trudy. For the last several years Bill lived in the family home with John, gardening, collecting stamps, doing puzzles, sharing meals and debating the nuances of daily activities. The pandemic brought many challenges, but they were blessed to share more time with Marty in their home.

His proudest moments were seeing his grandchildren. He enjoyed every moment and was always looking forward to the next visit. Bill shared his love of corny jokes with his grandchildren and great nieces and nephews. They responded with many of these “groaners” to support all of us these last few days. He also enjoyed collecting stamps and coins. “Grandpa Stampa” could frequently be found showing his collections off to grandchildren, teaching them all about his craft. He successfully passed along his appreciation for puzzles, and they could be found strewn across any table where he was.

Bill was a season ticket holder for Holy Cross football and basketball games for almost thirty years. He was grateful for his fellow alumnus and friend Tom Burns who joined him at countless games. He and Tom shared the joys of the Crusaders' winning season with big home wins against Georgetown and Colgate!

He was predeceased by his siblings Mary Gertrude McDonough and John Edward McDonough. He is survived by his sister Martha O'Brien of Pawcatuck, CT, his daughter Marita Coombs (Bob) of Somerville, MA, son William McDonough (Marycate), daughter Marsina Stearns (Marc) and his son Colin McDonough of Bozrah, CT. He also leaves nine grandchildren who meant the world to him, Lucy, Thomas, Laura, Amelia, Catherine, Emma, Margaret, Rebecca and Emily. He was fortunate to spend time with his nephews Timothy O'Brien (Abby), Brendan O'Brien (Jennifer) and their children Teagan, Cade, Keira, Owen and Sean.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10 am at St. Patrick & St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Molloy Funeral Home has care of arrangements, online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Provencher, Claude



Claude Provencher, 79, of Andover, beloved husband of Jean (Pelletier) Provencher, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 30, 2021 with his family at his side.

Claude was born on April 6, 1942 in Sherbrooke, Canada and came to the United States as a young boy. Claude will be remembered for his love of tractors (and his ability to fix anything), his love for animals - especially the many dogs he befriended throughout his life, his (always) helping out neighbors and friends- yet most of all, he was a tenacious caregiver for his wife & soulmate, Jean, of more than 60 years. Claude was a virtuous man, a hard worker and a thoughtful and generous soul who always put the needs of others before his own- making sure that the people he loved were safe, secure and fully taken care of.

His smile, his laugh and sense of humor were contagious and his spirit will surely live on in the lives of those who were lucky enough to cross paths with him. Besides his wife Jean, Claude is survived by his two loving children Denise Provencher of Wethersfield and Michael Provencher of Manchester; three grandchildren; Madison, Michael and Matthew Provencher and many other much loved family members and friends. A service will be held on Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 at Saint Edmund Campion Catholic Parish, 544 Brewer St., East Hartford, CT 06118. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT. 06111

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Robotto, John



John B. Robotto, May 1, 1923- November 7, 2021, US Navy Veteran WWII.

Today is a day of happiness and sorrow, of saying goodbye, God speed.

Wife: Doris (Perkins) Married 50 years. Children: Lynne Pigeon, John Robotto (Sheree), Kathryn Davis (Lou). Holly Nieto (Solomon), Rebecca Barberich (John).

Grandchildren: Alana, Justin, Christopher, Brandon, Tyler, Sarah (Kevin), Zac (Danielle), Luke (Maria). Great-Grandchildren: Jon Cole, Christopher, Abigail, Brady, Dominic, and Kailani.

It is not important how many places we have been to or what he has done: John's Floor Covering, square dancing, Nascar, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and camping. More important is the following:

You were a fabulous husband, father, grandfather, and friend. You have always been there, watching over us through good times and bad, laughter and tears. Never a complaint, never a fuss. You have been honest and true, trusting and fair. Always willing to share, to help. You made us smile. You had a joke. You listened. You were unique, one of a kind. A true gift from God. Now it is time for you to travel on a new journey. Even though we will be apart your spirit will remain in our hearts. We will miss you.

Services for John will be held Saturday November 13, 2021, at 9AM at St. Bridget Church 80 Main St. Manchester, CT, burial will follow at Hillstown Cemetery on Hillstown Rd. in Manchester. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Disabled Vets. Please do not wear black. For more information and to leave an online condolence please visit www.CremationCT.com

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Reading, Lawrence



Lawrence (Bud) Reading, formerly of Middletown, CT died Saturday, November 6, 2021, following a stroke.

Bud was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on April 4, 1946. He spent his life in sales and in service to anyone in need. Bud was a loving father, grandfather, a faithful friend and colleague, and a spiritual prayer warrior. He

was a founder of the Men's Prayer Breakfast, a 36-year ministry at First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT and was beloved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his daughter Kelly, her daughter Skylar, son Daniel (Sarah) and children Vesper and Anchor. Eldest son Anthony Reading (Tania) predeceased his father and leaves grandchildren Tatum, Tabitha, Talia, Tevia, TJ and Taggart.

If you would like to give a donation, we ask that you make a donation in Bud's name to whichever organization that you think would honor Bud.

A memorial service will celebrate his life at 11:00AM Saturday, Nov 13 at First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Sequenzia, Mario



Mario Sequenzia, 89, of East Hartford, loving husband of 47 years of Mariantonia (Governale) Sequenzia, peacefully entered into eternal life on Friday, November 5, 2021 at the Glastonbury Health Care Center. Born in Sortino, province of Siracusa, Italy on August 15, 1932, a son of the late Giuseppe and Salvatrice (Intirinelle) Sequenzia, he had been a resident of East Hartford for the past 50 years.

A devout catholic, Mario was a faithful longtime communicant of St. Mary's Church, East Hartford. Mario was the successful owner and operator of Wethersfield Shoe Repair on the Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield for over 40 years. He was a member of the Italian American Star on Franklin Avenue in Hartford where he enjoyed going on Sundays to watch Italian soccer and play cards, especially "Scuba". Mario was also an avid gardener and fan of the Italian Soccer League, and loved going to the beach with his wife and family. Most of all, Mario and his wife Mariantonia had a special love for each other, and they shared this special devotion together with other family members.

Besides his beloved wife who cared for him the past several years, Mario is survived by a sister, Maria Sequenzia of Agusta, province of Sicily, Italy; a dear sister-in-law and neighbor, Antonina Giambalvo and her husband Vincenzo of East Hartford; a nephew, Joseph Sequenzia of Rocky Hill; two cherished nieces, Sally Grano of Rocky Hill, and Mirella Giambalvo and her husband, Michael Cardin, of Berlin; several former customers and friends. Along with his parents, Mario was predeceased by two brothers, Salvatore Sequenzia of Wethersfield, and Sebastiano Mario Sequenzia of Italy. Funeral service will be Saturday (November 13, 2021) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at St. Mary's Church of North American Martyrs Parish, corner of Maplewood Avenue/Main Street, East Hartford. (Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Saturday morning). Private burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mario's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com.



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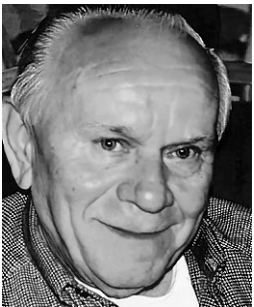


William Smith, 83, of Middletown, passed away on Monday, November 8th, 2021. Born in Hartford, son of the late Harry and Katherine (Reynolds) Smith, he was raised in Newington and graduated from Newington High School in 1956. He went on to graduate trade school as a Journeyman Plumber and was a proud member of the Plumbers Local Union 777 for 50 years. Bill was auto enthusiast who enjoyed building and driving good looking fast cars and watching NASCAR. He also operated ABC Autobody in East Hampton for a number of years as well as holding a plumbing contractor's license and auto repairer's license. He also held a Real Estate Broker's license. He was affectionately known as "The Cat" to many of the people that worked with him in construction. He will be greatly missed by his sister, Nancy Sheehan of Middletown, who was his caregiver for the last five years, his brother, Robert Smith and his wife Patrice of Port Charlotte, FL, his nieces, Linda Morris of PA, and Jacqueline Smith of NYC, and nephews, Harry Smith of PA, Clifford Smith of NY, Larry Smith of OR, and Jourdan of IL. He was predeceased by his brother, Edgar and his companion of many years, Mildred Lanier. He also leaves behind his loving dog, Honeybee. He will always be remembered for his fun-loving spirit and infectious smile. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Sunday, Nov. 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. His funeral service will be held on Monday, November 15th, at 10:00 a.m. at Newington Memorial. He will be laid to rest following the service in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Veteran's Base Camp at www.veteransbasecampinc.org or Northeast Animal Shelter at www.northeastanimalshelter.org. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Topor, Jr., Stanley W



Stanley W. Topor, Jr., 84, of Windsor Locks, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth "Bette" Pearl Hartman Topor, peacefully entered Eternal Rest on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Son of the late Stanley Topor, Sr. and Mary (Demski) Topor, he was born in Hartford on April 12, 1937. Stanley proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1955 until 1958 at which time he was Honorably discharged. From 1960 to 1991, Stanley was employed as a machinist at Hamilton Standard where he retired as a foreman on the Barrel Line.

From 1992 until 2002, he was employed at Kraus Hines in Windsor and worked five years at Stop and Shop in Windsor before finally retiring. Stanley was a member of the auxiliary Connecticut State Police from 1966 to 1972. He was also a member of the Shriners. He enjoyed fishing, tending to his lawn and garden, and spending time at the beach. He was also an avid Pittsburg Steelers and New York Yankees fan. His family would like to thank Dr. Ian Kleinhenn, Dr. Steven Borer, Dr. Charles Rutter, Dr. Gorusu, Laura Mulka, and the staff at the Starling Center of Enfield for their kind and compassionate care of Dadover the years. The family would like to extend a special thank you to life-long neighbor Tammy, who kept a watchful eye over Dad. Stanley is survived by his son Brian Topor and his wife Tina, and his daughter Shannon Holden and her husband Jimmy, all of Ellington; his daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Gasser and her husband Ed of Burlington; his grandchildren, Jason Topor, Tyler Topor, Jessica Topor and her fiancé Gordon Zachs, Zachary and Nicholas Topor, and Madison and Peyton Holden. He also leaves behind his sister Evelyn Sredzienski and her husband Edward of Enfield, and brother-in-law Ken Hartman of Butler, PA. In addition to his beloved wife Bette, he was predeceased by his son, Michael Topor; his brothers, Edward and Albin Topor, his sister, Stella Stroiener, and his significant other, Jean Russo. Stanley's family will receive relatives and friends from 9 to 11 am on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St, Windsor Locks. A graveside service with military honors will follow at Ellington Center Cemetery. Donations in Stanley's memory may be made to the Windsor Locks Lions Ambulance Fund, PO Box 105, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com.

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Tsanias, Despina (Hatzidiakou)



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Despina (Hatzidiakou) Tsanias, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at home at the age of 101.

She was born in Rhodes, Greece, daughter of the late Athanasios Hatzidiakou and the late Maria (Mintatos) Hatzidiakou. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Emanuel Tsanias, her beloved daughter Anastasia (Tsanias) Merkouriou, her beloved son-in-law Elias Merkouriou, her beloved granddaughter Desi Merkouriou, and her many siblings. She is survived by her son Theodore Tsanias of Windsor, her granddaughter Tina (Merkouriou) Skelly and her husband Jon Skelly of Arizona, two beloved great-granddaughters Alessandra and Daniela Skelly of Arizona, a very special niece Dimitria Diakouloukas, a very special godson Loukas Diakouloukas, and many loved nieces and nephews. She was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

The funeral will be Friday, November 12, 2021, 11:00 am at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 433 Fairfield Ave. Hartford. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Friday prior to the funeral, 10:00-11:00 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Contributions in her memory may be made to: St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 433 Fairfield Ave. Hartford, CT 06114 or Hartford Healthcare at Home (Hospice Care). To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com



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Witkowski, Josephine (Peluso)



The family and friends of Josephine Witkowski, wife of the late William G. Witkowski, will celebrate her life on the 18-month anniversary of her passing this Saturday, November 13th, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Hartford, CT at 10:00 AM. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

White, Kenneth C.



Kenneth C. White, son of the late Edmund John and Gladys (Cogswell) White passed away peacefully on November 7, 2021 in Vernon, CT. He was born May 8, 1928 in the private hospital of Dr. Ernest Pendeleton in Granby, CT. His education started in a one room schoolhouse in West Granby, one of the last existing in the state. Moving to Bloomfield, he attended the Bloomfield Grammar School and two years at Bloomfield High School. He graduated from Simsbury High School and went on to matriculate at Teachers College of Connecticut, now Central Connecticut State University. At Hartford Hospital, Ken worked his way through college, completing four college years in three calendar years, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Ken enlisted in the US Air Force in October 1950 and after basic training was sent to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas where he was trained as an operating room technician. He next opened up the Flight Surgeon's dispensary and operating rooms at Amarillo Air Force Base which had been closed after World War II. He was deployed to Japan and Korea during the Korean War as an air-evac technician with the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Group, later known as the 6481st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Air Medal for Meritorious Service under hazardous duty during flight in time of war, the American and Korean Presidential Unit Citations, the Korean Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Aircrew Member Badge, the National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. Ken was also an active member in the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 1. He proudly traveled back to the Republic of Korea in 2009 as a member of a multi-national delegation of armed forces who received recognition and thanks for their service and attended the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in Washington DC in 2013. Ken attended the University of Connecticut and earned a Master of Arts and a Sixth-Year Certificate in Administration. He taught Social Studies and English at Hale-Ray High School in Moodus and the Andrew Warde High School in Fairfield, spending the last twenty-nine years at Tolland High School. In addition to teaching, Ken was also an operating room and emergency room technician for twenty-six years. He worked at Park City Hospital, Bristol, Johnson Memorial Hospital, Stafford Springs, and Rockville General Hospital, Vernon. Ken was President of the Teacher's Union, the Tolland Education Association, and President and Director of the Tolland Historical Society for many years and was also the Tolland Town Historian. He was also Committee Chair for Troop 816, BSA for several years. He was also an honorary member of the Orono-Old Town (Maine) Kiwanis. Upon retiring from teaching Ken worked for seventeen years at the Home Depot in Manchester, retiring at the age of eighty. Ken had a noted tenor voice and sang with the Hartford Oratorio Society, the Connecticut Chorale and in several church choirs, often as a soloist. He was predeceased by his wife Beatrice (Bolduc) White, brothers Alton and wife Lucy, Abbott and wife Betty. He leaves a son Christopher White and his wife Laurie (Sanders) of Tolland, CT a daughter Bea L. White-Ramirez and her late husband, Peter L. Ramirez of Tolland, CT, a son Timothy White and his wife Deborah (Carlson) of Orono, ME. His grandchildren, Nicholas White and his wife Jennifer (Willis) of Vernon, CT, Nathaniel and his wife Hope (Ball) of Attleboro, MA, Carl and Elizabeth White of Orono ME, Beatrice R. White-Ramirez of New Britain, and Kylee White-Ramirez of Tolland, have loving memories of Grandpa's silliness, stories of family history and love of learning. He will be greatly missed by his great grandchildren Evers, Henry, and Alderie White of Vernon, and Clara and Chloe White of Attleboro, MA who would love being with him while he read stories and colored pictures with them. He also leaves three nieces, a nephew and several grand nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be held at the Talcottville Congregational Church, 10 Elm Hill Road, Vernon, CT on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 1:00-3:00PM; followed by a celebration of his life, with Military Honors. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Talcottville Congregational Church. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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At 4:04 one year ago, our family lost the most wonderful father, husband and friend that anyone could ever hope to have from Covid. The medical system improperly treated you and the legal system failed to give you justice, despite our best efforts. Your beautiful smile and positive attitude are missed every minute of every day by all who knew you. You were the one I talked to every morning on my way to work and always made me feel that it would be a good day. Duddsey, we miss you so much it hurts, because our hearts are broken and our lives are missing the person who made each day worth living. We love you and would give anything to speak to you again and wake up from this nightmare. God bless you ! Love Caroline, Mom and Al Jr

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I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. We miss and love you Shaun!!



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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Positivity rate tops 3% for 2nd straight day

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Connecticut recorded a COVID-19 positivity rate above 3% for the second straight day Wednesday, after previously not having a single day at that level for nearly two months.

It's unclear whether that uptick this week represents a short-term blip or the start of a cold-weather spike predicted by some experts.

Connecticut reported 533 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday out of 17,585 tests, for a daily posi-

tivity rate of 3.03%. The state's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate now stands at 2.37%, the highest it has been since Sept. 23.

Connecticut has averaged 362 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, about even with the prior seven-day period. Unvaccinated residents have been about five times as likely to test positive as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

As of Wednesday, Windham County continued to record "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Tolland counties had "substantial" levels of transmission. Fairfield County had only "moderate" transmission, meaning that residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

As of Wednesday, Connecticut has 234 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up two from Tuesday and the most at a time since Oct. 19. Hospitalizations have been mostly flat since late September,

following a late-summer surge but have begun to increase in recent days.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays.

Last week, the state reported 25 additional COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,776.

The United States has now recorded 756,951 deaths related to

COVID-19, according to The New York Times.

As of Wednesday, 80.2% of all Connecticut residents and 91.9% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.1% of all residents and 81.7% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 14.4% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

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VETERANS DAY



Principal Tracie Peterson leads first graders at Poquonock School in an offer of thanks to veterans attending the school's Veterans Day ceremony in 2019. In addition to thanks and well-wishes, West Hartford Town Manager Matt Hart, also a veteran says vets today need support. COURANT FILE PHOTO

VETS NEED HELP

As we pay tribute, remember the struggling veterans who need more than well-wishes, West Hartford town manager says

By Don Stacom | Hartford Courant

Although veterans appreciate the handshakes, "thank yous" and well wishes they get on Veterans Day, some of them desperately need much more concrete support, West Hartford Town Manager Matt Hart says.



Hart

"I want to highlight the needs of the veterans' community, particularly those who struggle," said Hart, who will give the keynote talk at West Hartford's Veterans Day ceremony Thursday.

Hart, who was an Army sergeant before his career in government management, said Wednesday that he's seen too many veterans struggling with psycho-

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Residents: Maternity ward must stay open

Hartford HealthCare plans to close facility at Windham Hospital

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Local activists in northeast Connecticut are attempting to stop Hartford HealthCare from closing the maternity ward at Windham Hospital — a decision the health system says is necessary given the low volume of births there.

According to a plan Hartford HealthCare laid out Wednesday in front of the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy, those in the Windham area who need labor and delivery services would be directed to Backus Hospital in Norwich, about 30 minutes away from Windham.

Opponents of the plan — more than 500 of whom have liked a Facebook page called Windham United to Save our Healthcare — say Hartford HealthCare is depriving local residents of a key service.

"This conglomeration has come into our community and taken over our community hospital and has begun to deplete services in our community hospital," said Leah Ralls, president of the Willimantic chapter of the NAACP. "It feels very offensive."

Whether Hartford HealthCare is allowed to end labor and delivery services at Windham Hospital will depend on a ruling from an OHS hearing officer, who heard testimony Wednesday from officials with the health system, as well as from state legislators, health advocates and others who submitted public comments.

"This is how you break a small city," Rodney Alexander, a new

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Wethersfield hires new police chief

Hartford assistant chief replaces Cetran

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford Assistant Chief Rafael Medina III will lead the Wethersfield Police Department starting Nov. 22, the town announced Wednesday, replacing James Cetran, who was fired in June after nearly 50 years

with the local police.

Medina, who will receive an annual salary of \$142,000, was selected by interim town manager Bonnie Therrien after a national search that included interview panels with town council members, department heads and police officers, and a public meeting. He was previously a police officer at Southern Connecticut State University and a state

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Hartford police Assistant Chief Rafael Medina, standing next to Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin in June 2020, will be the new police chief in Wethersfield. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Ansonia man facing charges in wife's death

Police say attack partially captured in 911 call

By Zach Murdock
Hartford Courant

An Ansonia man has been charged with murder after police rushed to his home while hearing shouting over an open 911 line and came through the front door to find him standing over his badly injured wife, police announced Wednesday.

The couple's 3-year-old child beckoned officers into the kitchen where Kamil Zielinski,

28, was sobbing and covered in blood in the middle of a "very chaotic scene," according to police officials and new court records.

Grace Zielinska, 34, suffered severe injuries to her upper body and was rushed to Yale New Haven Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, Ansonia police Lt. Patrick Lynch said Wednesday morning. None of the

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Donut Station opening Wethersfield location

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Donut Station is ready to open its Wethersfield satellite location on Saturday, after months of delays in building out the location and finding staff. The original Donut Station in Torrington has been a community institution for 25 years.

Donut Station owner Bonnie Ponte said the coronavirus pandemic, then other difficulties, delayed the opening at 486 Silas Deane Highway for a long time.

“Now it’s just been getting people to come and do the work, like all the technicians. They are all so busy. They have so many jobs. You just keep getting pushed back. Then the equipment couldn’t get there because of shipping delays. Then it was trying to find employees,” she said. “Everything that could go wrong went wrong. Now it’s

all come together.”

Ponte’s son, Ken Ponte Jr., and his fiancée, Katie Sears, will manage the store, Ponte said.

Donut Station sells doughnuts, bagels, Danishes, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, smoothies, frozen drinks and coffees. It does special orders for birthday parties.

The Torrington restaurant’s annual favorite summertime event is Shark Week.

“I loved the movie ‘Jaws.’ We incorporated it into Donut Station. We do a scavenger hunt around town, with prizes and giveaways. We’ll be doing it in Wethersfield, too,” Ponte said.

Donut Station in Wethersfield will be open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. facebook.com/thedonutstation.

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Donut Station in Torrington, which is opening a location in Wethersfield on Saturday, creates fun doughnuts and activities to mark Shark Week. **BONNIE PONTE**

Veterans

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logical issues and substance abuse. That includes some who never saw combat.

“Sometimes it’s not a physical injury, although often times it’s accompanied by one. But it’s the stress that people carry, and the need,” Hart said.

Although Hart never went overseas in his service from 1987 to 1990, some members of his unit stayed in longer and were deployed.

“A guy I served with, he just died this past weekend — age 53, all alone. He stayed in, he did two tours in Afghanistan, (then) just over time his life crumbled, and his health as well,” Hart said.

“He was exceedingly fit as a young man. Over time, the mental health issues he struggled with ... his physical condition began to deteriorate ... there was some substance abuse. ... It took its toll.”

Hart intends to use his speech to encourage politicians and residents alike to do more for veterans., mostly by helping them transition to civilian jobs and civilian life.

“Support funding for veterans services across the board and have that expectation of our state and federal legislators,” Hart said.

“If you’re an employer considering hiring a veteran, give them a fair chance. Know going into it that maybe they are going to have a few things they struggle with, but have some patience in anticipation of long-term return on your investment in that person.”

Hart will speak Thursday at the Veterans Day ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post 96 at 11 a.m. at the memorial at North Main Street and Farmington Avenue. Mayor Shari Cantor and state Sen.

Derek Slap also will participate.

Hart served from 1987 to 1990, mostly stationed at Fort Drum in New York, where he was promoted to sergeant. He then spent four years in the Army Reserve, and went on to earn a law degree and a master’s in public administration from the University of Connecticut. He was town manager in Mansfield and in 2017 took the job in West Hartford, where he lives with his wife and their daughters.

“I count myself as one of the lucky ones, I gained a tremendous amount from the experience. But some of my peers ... their lives have unfortunately worked out very differently,” Hart said.

Many other communities will mark the day, too. A sampling of events around central Connecticut on Thursday:

Avon: VFW Post 3272 will hosts its annual Veterans Day service at the Veterans Memorial on the town Green at 11 a.m.

Berlin: A ceremony starting at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Way will feature a speech by Army Reserve Col. Sean M. Connolly, a former state veterans affairs commissioner. The Berlin High School Madrigal Singers will sing the National Anthem and “America the Beautiful.” Later, Berlin schools will host a “thank you, veterans” evening at the high school from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It is open to students, parents, staff and town residents. Free transportation is available to seniors through 860-828-7006.

Bristol: The Seicheprey Post 2 of the American Legion will host a ceremony at 11 a.m. at its headquarters at 22 Hooker Court.

East Hartford: A wreath laying ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. at the World War I memorial on the front lawn of the East Hartford Public Library.

Farmington: A short ceremony

will be held at 11 a.m. outside town hall, 1 Monteith Drive, in front of the Veterans Memorial Monument.

Manchester: A parade begins at 10:45 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on Legion Drive and proceeds to Manchester Memorial Hospital, where there will be an outdoor ceremony around 11 a.m. Manchester Mayor Jay Moran and others will speak, and wreaths will be placed at the memorial. Manchester High School senior Emma Thomsen will sing the National Anthem, and brunch will be served in the hospital afterward.

New Britain: A service is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Central Park. It will include wreath layings at veterans monuments, invocations, the National Anthem and “Taps” performed by the New Britain High School Madrigal and band students. Separately, the city’s Italian American leaders are sponsoring a ceremony from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the Columbus statue in McCabe Park to honor Italian American veterans.

Rocky Hill: A ceremony at 11 a.m. at the town green will include a wreath laying and a performance by country music singer Jordan Oaks, a Rocky Hill native. Co-sponsors are the town, American Legion Post 123 and VFW Post 2138.

Simsbury: A ceremony begins at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial along Hopmeadow Street near the library driveway. Leesa Philippon, an Army veteran as well as a Gold Star and Blue Star mother, will be the guest speaker.

South Windsor: A ceremony starts at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park at 575 Pleasant Valley Road. There will be a guest speaker, wreath placement, music and a ceremonial volley by the South Windsor Police Department Honor Guard.

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trooper for 22 years, retiring in 2018 to join Hartford police, where he oversaw four bureaus.

“Being in the city of Hartford for three years, eight months,” Medina said Wednesday, “it taught me that we have to progress, we have to grow.”

“Wethersfield is an opportunity to go to a town that has a great police department, has a great community, is becoming more diverse and I just want to be a part of that, the way that town is moving.”

Medina recently completed a 3-month training course for administrative officers at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, Kentucky. In Wethersfield, he said he plans to work on enhancing community policing and team work with residents.

The former Marine makes the move amid a time of turmoil for the town, which fired Cetran for just cause about five months ago.

Hartford police have also seen a number of controversies in the past year, including public outrage at a detective who texted other officers and proposed a betting pool on the location of the first homicide of 2021.

Medina himself has a lawsuit pending in Superior Court against a Hartford blogger who frequently criticizes department leadership, claiming Kevin Brookman defamed him in various online posts in November and December 2020.

Meanwhile, Cetran and Wethersfield police had come under criticism in recent years for several incidents, including alleged racial profiling of Black and Hispanic drivers and the 2019 shooting death of 18-year-old Anthony Jose Vega-Cruz during an attempted traffic stop.

Cetran spoke in defense of the officer who fired the fatal shots, Layau Eulizier, who received a \$100,000 payout from the town’s municipal insurer when he resigned from the department, according to documents the Courant obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

The chief himself served a two-month paid suspension at the end of 2020 for alleged insubordination, returning in January but agreeing to retire in August to avoid being fired, town officials have said. The chief then spent the next six months in conflict with town manager Gary Evans, accusing him of interfering in the management of the police department before rescinding his plan to retire in June.

That’s what prompted the town to fire Cetran, to the protests of many residents, and appoint Lt. Donald Crabtree acting police chief.

Cetran, who served 47 years with the department and 18 as chief, is appealing his ouster in

Superior Court. In the latest development, Evans resigned from the town in September.

Wethersfield officials did not comment on that situation Wednesday.

In a prepared statement, Therrien said Medina demonstrated he was a strong candidate through his experience with staffing, budgeting, writing standard operating procedures and working in diverse communities. He also oversaw four bureaus and 13 divisions during his three years in Hartford.

“I feel he will bring new ideas to the organization and be inclusive of the current officers and citizens in making the best decisions for our community,” she said.

Wethersfield Mayor Michael Rell also stated he was looking forward to Medina’s start.

“Our officers and staff are a great group of men and women dedicated to protecting the residents of Wethersfield,” he said. “Chief Medina’s leadership has served the residents of Connecticut well. He will be well respected by the department and the Wethersfield community.”

Medina’s departure from Hartford comes amid a worsening officer shortage, first identified as a major problem more than a year ago by an independent climate study of the department. The city has lost dozens of officers to neighboring communities, while others are leaving law enforcement completely, a trend mirrored around the country.

Police advocates have blamed the exodus of officers on low morale, protests against police killings and historic calls for police accountability, reforms, and budget cuts.

Despite that, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, Police Chief Jason Thody and Council President Maly Rosado congratulated Medina on his move Wednesday.

“He has brought fresh ideas and helped to improve so many aspects of operations,” Thody said in a prepared statement. “He has made a profound impact on this department and has done great work making this city a safer place to live, and we’re excited to see what he accomplishes as a Chief of Police.”

Medina’s responsibilities will be filled on an interim basis by Hartford’s Assistant Chief Kenny Howell, who has been on the force since December 2020.

In his own statement Wednesday, Medina said the job of assistant chief had been “very challenging at times,” but also a great honor.

“The dedication, bravery, selflessness, and compassion that our officers have demonstrated during my time here have been nothing less than exemplary,” he said. “I will always be proud to say that I was a Hartford Police Officer.”

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Windham city councilor, testified. “How can we expect young families to move here and raise a family and there are no OB-GYNs here?”

During their presentation to OHS, Hartford HealthCare officials noted a precipitous drop in the number of births at Windham Hospital after Mansfield Ob/Gyn, a large local practice, opted to leave the hospital and deliver in Manchester instead. Before ceasing deliveries last year, Windham Hospital often went more than a week without delivering a baby, officials said.

This, they said, has made maintaining a maternity ward impractical and even dangerous.

“Patient volume has declined significantly over the past six years, making it impossible for the hospital to continue to provide these services in a safe manner,” Dr. David Kalla said.

Dr. Adam Borgida, chief of OB-GYN at Hartford Hospital, downplayed the distance Windham-based patients would have to travel to deliver babies at Backus Hospital.

“The travel distance between Windham and Backus is not an unreasonable distance for women to travel to deliver their babies, even factoring in the lack of highway access in the area,” Borgida said. “The trip is less than 20 miles and approximately 25 minutes driving distance, and in an ambulance would take even less time.”

But those who oppose ending labor and delivery services at Windham Hospital say Hartford HealthCare allowed births to slow there by failing to keep Manchester Ob/Gyn or recruit other practices to replace it,

and that they could support a successful maternity ward with proper investment.

“Childbirth is an essential service,” said Brenda Buchbinder, a Willimantic resident who has given birth to three children at Windham Hospital. “And when you’re a person that needs the service right then and there, you’re not saying, ‘Are there enough other women this month delivering that I can be there?’ You’re saying, ‘Please take care of me.’”

Ralls called the closure of the maternity ward at Windham Hospital “a civil rights issue,” noting that Windham is one of Connecticut’s poorest municipalities.

“People have the right to safe, secure medical services,” she said. “And when that’s not available to them, there are many implications that families suffer.”

Lynne Ide, a Windham resident and director of program and policy for the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, noted that Hartford HealthCare had already discontinued the intensive care unit at Windham Hospital and said she fears the hospital is on “a slippery slope.”

“To remove basic community services from the hospital’s suite of services is an issue that impacts equity and access for people in our area,” Ide said. “We are already a medically underserved part of the state, and some of the decisions that Windham Hospital has made has exacerbated that situation.”

A representative for Hartford HealthCare declined to comment Wednesday beyond what officials said at the OHS hearing.

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Slaying

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couple’s three young children, two of whom were home at the time of the attack, were hurt and are being cared for by other family members.

A bloody axe and curved knife were found on the kitchen table and counter inside after officers struggled to detain a distraught Zielinski, who repeatedly told officers he had attacked his wife and asked himself why over and over again, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released Wednesday afternoon.

“What have I done?” Zielinski told the first officer on the scene. “Shoot me, just shoot me. I did it. What the [expletive] is wrong with me.”

Zielinski was charged with murder and risk of injury and ordered held on \$1 million bond ahead of a scheduled hearing Wednesday in Superior Court in Derby.

The murder is the ninth incident of intimate partner homicide so far this year in Connecticut and officials pleaded with anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse or knows someone who may be to reach out, either to police or health resources.

“Connecticut has some of the strongest domestic violence laws in the country as well as some of the best resources for domestic violence victims,” Ansonia Interim Police Chief Wayne Williams said Wednesday morning. “As we have seen on a local and national level, these incidents do not happen in a vacuum. There are often warning signs.

“If you see something, say something,” he continued. “If you or a family member or a friend is suffering from domestic violence, call

us. You are not alone, we are here to help you, we can get you to the resources that you need. We are waiting here to help you.”

Ansonia police dispatch were first alerted to the incident in the Root Avenue home at about 1:40 p.m. Tuesday when they received a 911 call and could hear “yelling and commotion in the background” of the open line but could not get a response from the caller, Lynch said at a news conference Wednesday morning.

An officer rushed to the home and found the front door slightly ajar, with screaming and crying coming from inside the home. The couple’s 3-year-old child told the officer to come in and pointed the officer to the kitchen, where they found Zielinski standing over his wife with blood all over from a “brutal assault,” court records show.

Police would not describe what kind of injuries Grace Zielinska sustained, but court records indicated her left index finger had been completely severed and she sustained some sort of serious trauma to her head.

Neither the 3-year-old child nor 4-month-old infant, who was asleep in another room the entire time, were hurt during the assault. The couple’s 5-year-old child was at school at the time and the state Department of Children of Families is working with the family to ensure they have a safe place to stay now.

“While we’ve made an arrest, it’s still an active investigation,” Lynch said.

Police said they have no record of prior domestic complaints between Zielinski and his wife, however, Zielinski was arrested in January and charged with assault and disorderly conduct at their home after an altercation with his biological father, Lynch said.

Ansonia Mayor David Cassetti and police officials acknowledged domestic violence incidents appear to have increased, especially since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, and emphasized that there are safe and confidential ways to seek out services for those who need them.

“There has been an uptick in domestic violence, I think with everything going on with COVID and the lack of being able to go out,” Lynch said. “You have people confined in spaces and that’s never a good recipe when things are bad and people are having hard times ... It’s hard to make that first step, but there are services.”

Anyone who feels unsafe in their relationship can call or text 888-774-2900 or access chat or email services on www.CTSafe-Connect.org to be connected with confidential and bilingual resources, 24/7, from domestic violence support organizations across the state.

“While we do not know any specifics related to this tragic event, what we do know is that nationally an intimate partner homicide or attempted homicide is the first act of violence for between 28-33% of victims,” said Meghan Scanlon, president of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. “Often the behaviors that precede homicide are jealousy, control, and stalking. We urge individuals to consider speaking with an advocate when they begin to experience these coercive behaviors, even before they turn physical.”

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New Haven mayor names first woman as police chief

Associated Press

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker appointed Renee Dominguez as the city's police chief on Wednesday, which would make her the first woman to permanently lead the force. Dominguez has served as acting chief since March, due

to the retirement of Otoniel Reyes. Her appointment must be approved by the city's Board of Alders. City and state officials believe Dominguez also would be the first female permanent police chief in any of the state's largest cities. Several women have led police departments in smaller

cities and towns in Connecticut. In the state's largest city, Bridgeport, Rebeca Garcia is currently the acting police chief. "I am very excited," Dominguez said at a news conference Wednesday. "My entire adult life has been dedicated to serving the community." Dominguez became a police

officer in Newtown in 2000 and moved to the New Haven police in 2002. She is married with two daughters, ages 3 and 6. "To be the chief and have little girls is a challenge," she said. "But what better role model than your mother. You can do whatever you want and you can be whoever you want to be."



Renee Dominguez has been appointed police chief in New Haven. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Another chance at tax amnesty that could raise \$80M for state

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

With many Connecticut businesses and taxpayers still hurting from the COVID-19 pandemic cutbacks, the state is hoping to collect as much as \$80 million through a tax amnesty program that waives penalties and cuts interest rates by 75% for anyone who signs up. The program, which started Nov. 1, is off to a fast start with collections of \$1.7 million as of Wednesday, said tax commissioner Mark Boughton. Of that total, \$1.2 million came from a business that had been disputing its taxes since 2014 and had an accumulated debt with penalties and interest totaling \$3.2 million. An estimated 60% of the back taxes will come from businesses, while 40% are from individuals, he said. "Some of these obligations go back to the mid-1990s," Boughton said in an interview. "The gross amount of all the delinquencies is in the hundreds of millions." One of the issues is that many consumers and businesses have suffered financial setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "There's no question that COVID has had an impact — that collections have dropped a little bit," Boughton said. "That's been a real problem. We're sympathetic to that. We're empathetic. But at the end of the day, we've got to make sure that

all stakeholders are paying into the system." Connecticut collects more than 40 taxes and fees. While high-profile taxes like those for personal income and sales are the most prominent, the amnesty extends to taxes on cigarettes, gasoline, gifts, corporate profits, pass-through entities, and trusts that pay the state income tax, among others. "This will definitely help those people who maybe got behind last year or frankly they collected the sales tax and they spent it on something else instead of remitting it to us," Boughton said. Approved by the legislature as part of the state budget, the amnesty program lasts through January 31, 2022. During previous amnesties, the state has sometimes collected millions more than expected. While this marks the seventh amnesty since 1990, Gov. Ned Lamont has no plans to offer another soon. The state tax department is working to upgrade its collection systems to avoid falling behind with delinquencies and needing an amnesty program. "This is probably going to be the last one in a long time that we do," Boughton said. "I don't see us doing this again in a long, long time. ... In terms of human behavior, we don't want people to say, 'Eh, I won't pay and will hold off until another amnesty comes around.' If you do that too much, then

people will stop paying their obligations." The state has created a new website for the amnesty called getrightct.com. As the pandemic was spreading in March 2020 and many small businesses were closed, Lamont issued an executive order that allowed companies to postpone paying the sales taxes that had been collected, said House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford. "When somebody falls onto hard times, often times it's very hard to climb out, especially with the exorbitant interest and penalties that get imposed when you fail to pay your taxes," Candelora said. "In many cases, it puts people into a cycle of perpetual poverty, and then the state doesn't receive any money. ... If there is ever a time that we should have an amnesty program, it should be when we're coming out of a pandemic." "Businesses, just like many Connecticut citizens, had a tough 2020, and they certainly were just starting to get back to feeling normal for some of 2021 here," said Eric Gjede, chief lobbyist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. "These amnesty programs are a good opportunity to get square with the state on what they owe in taxes."

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Wadsworth changes leadership structure, names Brown CEO

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is changing its leadership model from a single CEO-director to two people splitting those two positions. The museum began the transition on Wednesday, naming its interim CEO-director, Jeffrey Brown, the new CEO while continuing the search for a new director. Under the new arrangement, according to a Wadsworth press release, the chief executive officer will be responsible for "the overall leadership, vision, and strategic direction of the organization and its staff" while a director will be in charge of "the artistic direction of the museum, steering the collection management, exhibitions, and educational programming activities." The director also assumes the role of head curator at the museum, but Brown explains that "the full curatorial staff remains in place. This will enhance what we are able to do." Under the new arrangement, the director will answer to the CEO. Both will serve as ex-officio members of the museum board. The previous CEO-director, Tom Loughman, resigned in April. Two weeks later, the president of the museum's board, William R. Peelle Jr., also left the Wadsworth. "What I have observed over the last six months," Brown tells the Courant, "is a reaffirmation of what an incredible resource the Wadsworth is to the community, the state, the region and the nation. This is an incredible, unlimited opportunity to evolve the stories that we tell and how we tell the stories." Brown said he is committed to continuing and expanding upon, programs put in place by previous Wadsworth leaders that sought to encourage more diversity. This includes free admission for all Hartford residents and a range of special programming on the second Saturdays of each month, when admission is free for all.

"As we started the process of the search for Tom [Loughman]'s replacement, we assessed what were our core needs. As we explored that, we talked to other institutions, we were intrigued by those who had separated the artistic side and the business side. "In order to provide continuity, the board asked me to extend my stay as CEO." Brown said he would not have been interested if the offer were to be both CEO and director. Now that he is installed as CEO, the months-old search for a director can be narrowed. Brown has been a Wadsworth board member since 2012 and has served in the interim position since April. At the time, Brown was about to retire from his position as senior executive at Newman's Own; he left the company at the end of May. Before Newman's Own, Brown had been a senior executive at Webster Financial Corp. In a statement announcing Brown's appointment, the museum said that changing its leadership structure is "enabling the institution to better seize opportunities in a changing museum environment, consistent with its evolutionary heritage." Most Connecticut museums still follow a single-leader model. The Wadsworth notes that New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art changed to a two-leader model in June of 2017. In a statement, interim Wadsworth Atheneum Board President Gerard Lupacchino said "The Board has considered moving to this management structure for a number of years as other museums and performing arts institutions have implemented some version of distributed leadership." The search for the new director to work alongside Brown will likely last until early next year, the museum said. Next week, the Wadsworth will hold its annual meeting and announce its new board leadership. Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.

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CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

On November 4, 2021, the Chester Planning & Zoning Commission approved the following: Application for an Amendment to the Chester Zoning Map, changing the property at 31-33 Straits Road (Map 14, Lot 310) from the R-2 District to the R-1 District. Applicant: Charles & JoAnne Park. Details of the application and decision may be obtained by contacting Zoning Officer John Guskowski at zoningofficial@chesterct.org.
Bettie Perreault, Secretary
Chester Planning & Zoning Commission
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TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

At its regular meeting on November 4, 2021 the Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission met and took the following action:

1. Voted to approve Application #21-29: Request for Site Plan Modification at 97 Berlin Road to allow for new signage to be installed. Overhead Door of Middlesex County is the Applicant and CGS Properties LLC is the Owner.

2. Voted to approve with conditions Application #21-20: Request for Site Plan Modification at 51 Shunpike Road to allow for outdoor patio and modified parking for Chicago Sam's. Archimage Group is the Applicant and HBN-CSC LLC C/O HBNITKIN GROUP is the Owner.

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Eunice Korsah of Burke, Virginia, takes these medications, above. The retired nurse signed up for a low-cost Medicare Wellcare Part D plan. KENNY HOLSTON/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

BETTER SHOP AROUND

Recipients who don’t compare plans amid Medicare open enrollment may pay more, accept added restrictions

By Paula Span
The New York Times

One recent morning, Eunice Korsah, a retired nurse in Burke, Virginia, spent about half an hour on the phone being guided through the complexities of various plans for Medicare Part D, which covers prescription drugs. Her current drug plan was being discontinued, and the insurer wanted to move her into one with sharply higher premiums. “I decided, ‘No way,’” she said. But what to replace it with? She looked at the Medicare website for Part D plans available in Fairfax County and found 23, with monthly premiums ranging from \$7.10 to \$97.30. “There are so many choices, so I wanted someone to clarify them for me,” she said. Jack Hoadley, a health policy researcher at Georgetown University, was on the other end of the call with Korsah. He has for two years volunteered with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or SHIP, the federally funded, free counseling service that helps Medicare beneficiaries find the coverage that’s best for them.

“Some very smart people just don’t know how Medicare works and get confused,” Hoadley said. For example, “it can make a \$1,000-a-year difference if you’re willing to try several different pharmacies.” In theory, all beneficiaries who have traditional Medicare with Part D coverage, or who are interested in or enrolled in Medicare Advantage programs (an “all-in-one” alternative offered through private insurers), should be making similar calculations during this annual open enrollment period, which ends Dec. 7. It’s the reason that insurers’ pitches for

plans are showing up in their mailboxes and inboxes, and on television ads featuring Joe Namath and Jimmie “Dyn-o-mite” Walker. “The idea is that consumers can reevaluate what coverage is best for them,” said Tricia Neuman, the executive director of the Program on Medicare Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation. Since each year brings changes to Part D and Medicare Advantage — in premiums, benefits, copayments and provider networks — shopping around makes sense. But that’s not what happens. For 2019, 71% of beneficiaries said they didn’t compare plans during the open enrollment period, according to a Kaiser study published recently. The rate was even higher among Black and Hispanic beneficiaries, people older than 85 and those with lower income and fewer years of education — precisely the groups most likely to require more medical services and drugs, and least able to pay high costs. Accordingly, “there’s not a lot of switching,” Neuman said. Kaiser found that in 2019, only 8% to 10% of beneficiaries voluntarily changed their Medicare Advantage or stand-alone Part D plans. Some of that inertia may reflect people’s satisfaction with their coverage; it might also indicate an overwhelming amount of choice. For 2022, beneficiaries face an average of 33 Medicare Advantage plans to select from (but 56 in Philadelphia and 63 in Cincinnati) and 30 stand-alone Part D plans. Even those who are motivated to comparison shop can have trouble finding reliable information. Most overtures and



Korsah, seen Oct. 27, learned that her drugs and premiums would be \$301 a year if she used a CVS or Giant pharmacy, but \$1,125 if she took the same prescriptions to a Walmart.

ads come from brokers or agents with financial incentives, though the offers may mimic official Medicare communications. Moreover, “brokers typically only market a portion of plans,” sometimes excluding the most advantageous, a fact they’re not required to disclose, said Gretchen Jacobson, a vice president of Medicare at the Commonwealth Fund, a foundation that supports health research. How much does all this matter? With Part D, choosing the most cost-effective plan goes beyond a financial issue, because skipping unaffordable medications can have health consequences. And choosing between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage involves substantial differences in the health

care experience. Medicare Advantage plans, so increasingly popular that 42% of Medicare beneficiaries are enrolled in one, offer one-stop shopping. They include a Part D benefit and don’t require a supplemental Medigap policy to cover copayments and deductibles. They put a cap on out-of-pocket expenses (\$7,550 for in-network coverage in 2021). They also promote “extra benefits” like dental, hearing and vision coverage, and transportation — though “they may not be very generous,” Jacobson said. However, some services aren’t available to everyone in the plan, and beneficiaries can’t learn if they’ll qualify until after they’ve enrolled. Medicare Advantage also restricts full coverage only

to doctors, hospitals and pharmacies within their networks; if patients go outside the network, they face higher costs or may have to pay entirely out of pocket. In-network providers change frequently, and it can be challenging to ascertain which ones a plan includes. Still, a recent Commonwealth Fund analysis found that traditional Medicare and Advantage plans (excluding special needs plans) now attract similar populations in terms of demographics and health, with high rates of satisfaction in both groups. Advantage beneficiaries are more likely to receive some care management services, such as a review of their medications, the study found. But when it comes to patients’ health,

“it doesn’t seem to change the outcomes much,” Jacobson said, because hospitalization and emergency room use were roughly the same for both groups. That raises the question of whether the federal government should continue paying Advantage plans 4% more per beneficiary than it pays for those in traditional Medicare. Everyone who pays a Part B premium, which is almost every beneficiary, winds up subsidizing that higher cost. But for now, it’s open enrollment season. SHIP programs in every state, with 12,500 trained team members, represent the best source of unbiased information and work with more than 2.5 million people each year.

New regulations outline stronger safety warnings for breast implants in US

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

U.S. health regulators have finalized stronger warnings for breast implants, including a new requirement that people receive detailed information about their potential risks and complications before getting them. The Food and Drug Administration recently announced the new regulations mainly aimed at implant manufacturers,



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who are also being required to add a boxed warning message — the most serious type — to their written

patient materials. The FDA requirements are the latest step in a decadeslong effort to manage safety issues with the devices, which are primarily used for breast augmentation, the most common cosmetic surgical procedure in the U.S. Roughly 400,000 people get implants each year, 100,000 of them after cancer surgery. The FDA had originally proposed the rules as voluntary measures in 2019,

but the recent action makes them legal requirements for breast implant makers, including leading manufacturers like Johnson & Johnson’s Mentor unit and Allergan. In the biggest shift, plastic surgeons and other health professionals who work with the implants must give their patients a checklist detailing possible side effects, such as scarring, pain, rupture and even a rare form of cancer. The checklist also explains

that breast implants often require repeat surgeries, and they should not be considered lifelong devices. The doctors must sign the document and confirm that the recipient was given an opportunity to review it before surgery. Companies that sell implants to doctors who don’t comply could face fines and other penalties from regulators. In recent years, the FDA and regulators worldwide have grappled with a link between a rare cancer and

a type of textured implant. That’s on top of a separate issue involving tens of thousands of people who blame their implants for a host of other health problems including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic fatigue and muscle pain. The devices have a silicone outer shell and are filled with either saline or silicone. The FDA’s regulations also provide updated recommendations for regular screening to catch potential implant ruptures.

CELEBRITIES

Paul Rudd named Sexiest Man Alive

From news services

Paul Rudd has been crowned as 2021's Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine.

Rudd, known for his starring roles in Marvel's "Ant-Man" films, "This is 40" and "Clueless," was revealed as this year's winner Tuesday on CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

The actor tells the magazine in an issue out Friday that some will be surprised by him receiving the honor.

"I do have an awareness, enough to know that when people hear that I'd be picked for this, they would say, 'What?'" he said. "This is not false humility. There are so many people that should get this before me."

But of course, Rudd won't turn down the honor. He jokingly hopes the new title will grant him an invitation to "those sexy dinners" with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Michael B. Jordan — all recent winners.

Other past honorees include John Legend, Chris Hemsworth, Idris Elba, Channing Tatum and David Beckham.

"I figure I'll be on a lot more yachts," Rudd said. "... And I'll probably try to get better at brooding in really soft light. ... I think this is going to help me become more inward and mysterious. And I'm looking forward to that"

Rudd, 52, said his wife was initially "stupefied" after he told her the news. The couple has two kids, Jack, 17, and Darby, 12.

"But you know she was very sweet about it," he said of his wife of 18 years, Julie. "After some giggling and shock, she said, 'Oh, they got it right.' And that was very sweet. She was probably not telling the truth, but what's she going to say?"

John receives UK award: In a ceremony Wednesday



Paul Rudd, seen on Oct. 28, has been named 2021's Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine. **EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION**

at Windsor Castle, Prince Charles anointed musician Elton John as a member of the Order of the Companions of Honour.

It is one of the highest awards that can be bestowed by Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II, to citizens in Britain and across the Commonwealth. The monarch, 95, is also a member. The award recognizes people who have made "a major contribution to the arts, science, medicine or government lasting over a long period of time."

The group can only number a maximum of 65, excluding the sovereign, at any one time.

"I was quite taken aback when I got the letter to say that I'd received it because I know it's, very few people get it," John said.

Williams leaving NBC News: Brian Williams, who remade his career as an MSNBC host after losing

his job as NBC "Nightly News" anchor in 2015 for making false claims about a wartime story, is leaving the network after 28 years. In a note to colleagues, he said that "following much reflection," he had decided to exit when his contract ends in December.

"This is the end of a chapter and the beginning of another," Williams wrote. "There are many things I want to do, and I'll pop up again somewhere."

Williams, 62, said he will take a few months off to spend time with family.

Nov. 11 birthdays: Singer Narvel Felts is 83. Musician Jim Peterik is 71. Singer Paul Cowie is 70. Singer Dave Alvin is 66. Actor Stanley Tucci is 61. Actor Demi Moore is 59. Actor Calista Flockhart is 57. TV personality Carson Kressley is 52. Actor David DeLuise is 50. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 47. Musician Jon Batiste is 35.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Veterans respond to tough homecomings

Dear Readers: I recently ran a letter from "Old Veteran," who noted that, as a Vietnam vet, he feels quite uncomfortable when people say "Thank you for your service."

Old Veteran noted that "There are many wounds that have never healed" because of the way service members were treated when they returned home from Vietnam. I later ran a response from "Upset," who claimed that this mistreatment was an "urban myth."

These letters have prompted hundreds of responses from other veterans — and those who love them. Some of these responses are below.

On this Veterans Day, I'd like to say to all service members: Thank you.

Veterans who have been mistreated when they returned stateside after serving in unpopular wars report that they have yearned to hear these two words: Welcome home.

Dear Amy: The letter from "Old Veteran" made me cry. I too was subjected to a lot of nastiness coming home after my service was completed. The day I got home and changed my clothes was the last day I ever talked about being in the service. I moved away from my neighborhood and never told a soul that I had been in the military.

So, please tell "Upset" that this is not an urban myth.
— *Detroit Mike*

Dear Amy: I'm an Army brat. People told me my dad was a baby killer when he was serving in Vietnam. And in 1977, I was spit on when I was wearing my

ROTC uniform on campus. I understand people want to believe that those things never happened, but they did. Let's never let that happen again.
— *Proud to Serve*

Dear Amy: It's been 52 years since I came home from Vietnam. For the first 30 years or so after I came home, I didn't tell anyone I was a Vietnam veteran because I didn't want to be harassed, but not anymore. I am proud of my time in the U.S. Army Infantry, and I don't care who knows it.
— *Proud*

Dear Amy: My mom was a nurse in Vietnam and always had mixed feelings about serving in the Army. She was in the hospital seeking treatment near the end of her life, and the nurses and doctors found out that she was a veteran.

They started asking questions, and also thanking her.

In the week before her passing, she said it took her 40 years, but she was never so proud to have served.

She knew her kids were proud, but strangers saying, "thank you" and showing respect for her service boosted her.

She finally felt like she fully came home. To all of the vets out there: Thank you and welcome home.

— *Daughter of a Proud Veteran*

Dear Amy: My husband spent 18 months in Vietnam. When many soldiers came home, they would change out of uniform because of comments that were being made.

Yes, there were those that were spit upon.

It was years before he would tell anyone that he served in Vietnam.
— *Loving Wife*

Dear Amy: I am the wife of a Vietnam vet.

My husband was drafted, so he went. There wasn't 24-hour news coverage; mail to and from Vietnam was spotty.

The poor treatment of returning vets isn't a myth!

I will always remember waiting for his returning plane with protesters shouting curses. And yes, spitting. It was awful.

Neither my husband or I thought the war made sense, but what protesters didn't seem to understand is that the members of the armed services didn't start the war, and few were volunteers. They were just American "kids" answering the call of duty.
— *Mickie*

Dear Amy: For four generations, my family has served as pilots in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan. There are two words most appreciated by vets and rarely heard, "Welcome Home."

I've had vets respond with heartfelt gratitude and pride, often telling me it's the first time anyone has welcomed them home.
— *An Air Force Brat*

Dear Amy: I am an older vet. When people say thank you for your service, I reply: "I was drafted. But I would do it again for you."
— *Anonymous*

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Unconventional ideas may drive a wedge between you and your more conventional friends today. No matter how firmly convinced you are that your perceptions are correct, it's unnecessary to drive your point home, so try to be respectful.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Having the respect of your peers is important, but not always possible. It could feel like more than one rival is trying to put obstacles between you and your goal at the moment. Still, your best bet is to pretend that this opposition doesn't exist and go for the gold! You will gain valuable experience.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A thirst for knowledge may inspire you to dive deep into researching a fascinating subject. It could feel amazing to sink your teeth into an intricate research project like this today, even if the people around you to shake their heads or accuse you of wasting time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You might be worried about sharing your resources with someone else today, as you've likely worked hard to get to where you are in life. The idea of being responsible for anyone else's stability may make you nervous about your own ability to maintain this support.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Two heads are better than one! If you've been having trouble making progress toward a dream, start collecting references of people you could partner with in this endeavor. Most people you've worked with in the past likely admire your tenacity and would relish the chance to work alongside you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have a lot of willpower, Virgo, and your drive to always improve yourself is admirable. If you've recently been able to overcome a difficult health problem or a major issue at work, reward yourself today for a job well done. Splurge on something special you've had your eye on!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The creativity within you is shining right now and you may be eager for a chance to show off your work. Even if you're normally content to sit back and let bolder people perform, today, your enthusiastic efforts could really pay off.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your powerful personality can be intimidating, Scorpio, particularly right now. Remember this if you have the chance to help a loved one who is more timid than you. Instead of judging or poking fun at their efforts, offer some encouragement. Everyone is destined to make mistakes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Something about the unknown may really appeal to your sense of adventure right now. Let your courage inspire you to dive into murky waters after the pearls of knowledge that lie beneath the surface. If you're faced with a task you've never performed before, roll up your sleeves.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Abandoning yourself to sensual pleasure might be a smart choice today, even if others disagree. Someone with your earthy Capricorn nature shouldn't have to deny a desire for pleasure. Unfortunately, you may have friends who think life should be a struggle and resent frivolous behavior.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New ground lies ahead of you right now, ready for you to build a fresh foundation. Although others may worry that you're being too risky, you have all the faith necessary to forge into an emerging field. It's OK if the learning curve is steep.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to invite your inner artist out to play. Even if you don't normally consider yourself a creative person, you can still have lots of fun making things. Don't worry about looking unpracticed — that's part of the appeal! Everyone can create something.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 11, 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who had led a slave uprising, was executed in Virginia.

In 1918, fighting in World War I ended as the Allies and Germany signed an

armistice in the Forest of Compiègne.

In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In 1938, Irish-born cook Mary Mallon, who had gained notoriety as "Typhoid Mary," died at age 69 after 23 years of mandatory quarantine.

In 1942, during World War II, Germany completed its occupation of France.

In 1972, the U.S. Army turned over its base at Long Binh, symbolizing the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 2020, Texas became the first state with more than 1 million confirmed COVID-19 cases.

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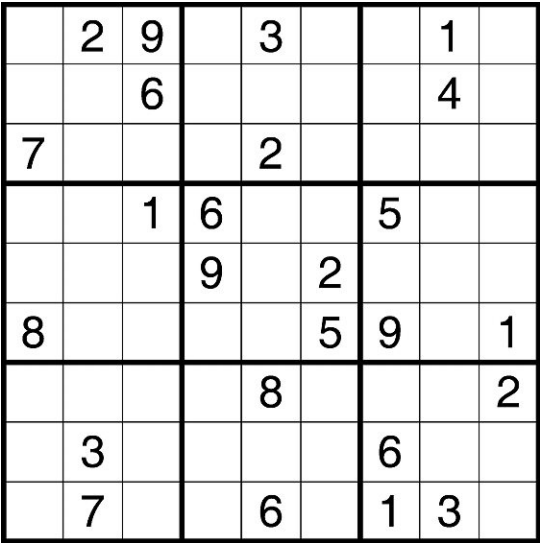
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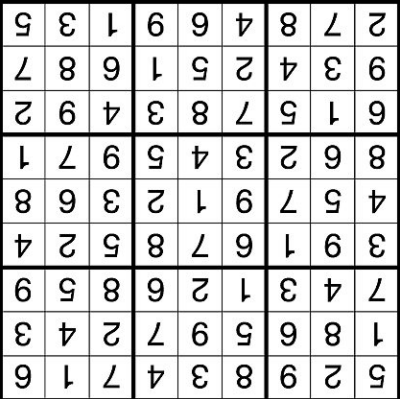
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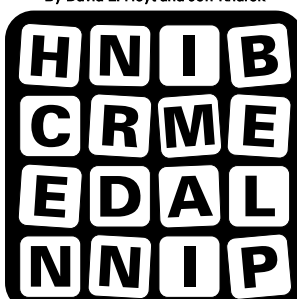
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WORD SEARCH

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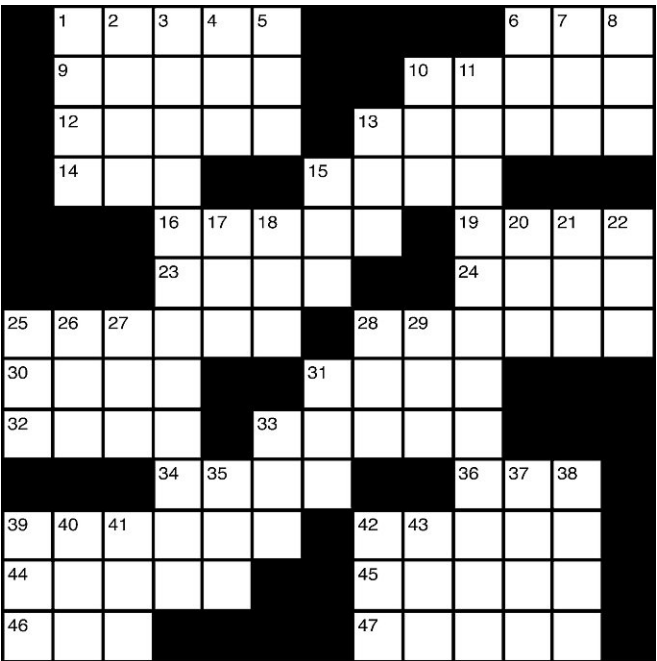
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by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS

- 1 Caan or Garner
- 6 "___ About You"
- 9 Popeye's love
- 10 "The Paper ___"; John Houseman drama series
- 12 Actress Lisa ___
- 13 "The ___ Woman"; series for Lindsay Wagner
- 14 McCain or Boxer: abbr.
- 15 Become larger
- 16 "A Passage to ___"; Oscar-nominated movie for Judy Davis
- 19 Leoni and her namesakes
- 23 Baseball's Slaughter
- 24 Meanie
- 25 "The ___ Girls"
- 28 One of Bart's sisters
- 30 Vase-shaped pitcher
- 31 Copenhagen resident
- 32 Ricky Ricardo's portrayer
- 33 "The ___ Gatsby"; Leonardo DiCaprio movie
- 34 "A ___ Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas"; comedy movie
- 36 Univ. in Tempe

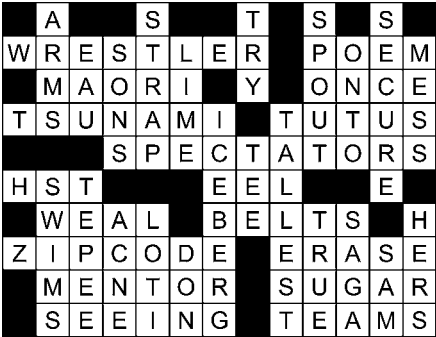
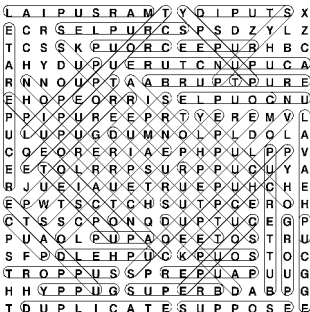


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DOWN

- 39 "Me, ___ & Irene"; Jim Carrey film
- 42 Jerry or Shari
- 44 Raises, as children
- 45 Up in arms
- 46 Scottish cap
- 47 Star of "Hunter"
- 1 Ashton Kutcher movie
- 2 ___ vera; hand lotion ingredient
- 3 Actress on "About a Boy"
- 4 Plumb of "The Brady Bunch"
- 5 "The TV ___"; film for Sigourney Weaver and David Duchovny
- 6 "Last ___ Standing"
- 7 ___ walked out in the streets of Laredo...
- 8 Holiday month: abbr.
- 10 AFL-___
- 11 "___ with Murder"
- 13 Woman's undergarment
- 15 Soldiers, for short
- 17 180° from SSW
- 18 Adams or Johnson
- 20 "The ___ and I"; Fred MacMurray movie
- 21 Mr. Onassis, to friends
- 22 "We're off to ___ the Wizard..."
- 25 High school equivalency exam, for short
- 26 Have debts
- 27 "___ Miserables"
- 28 Actress West
- 29 ___ Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- 31 Parched
- 33 ...DDE, JFK, LBJ, RMN, ____
- 35 Golfer Ernie ___
- 37 Web surfer's stop
- 38 ___-friendly; easy to operate
- 39 Actor on "The A-Team"
- 40 Certain vote
- 41 Role on "Selfie"
- 42 Tupperware cover
- 43 Make a boo-boo

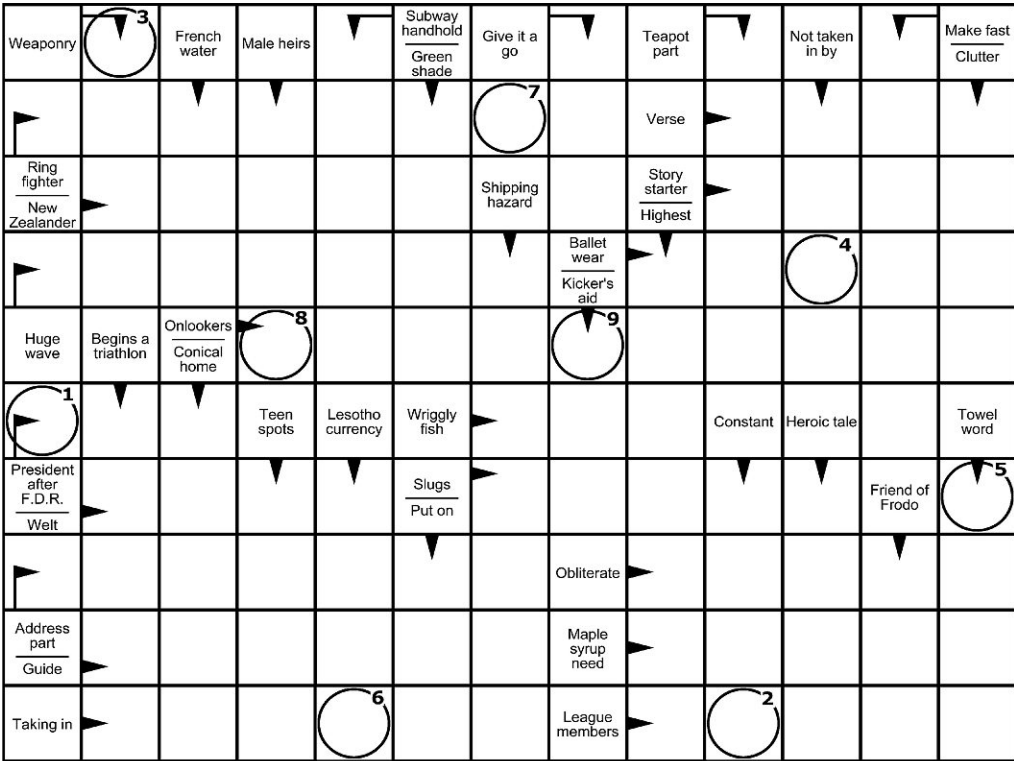
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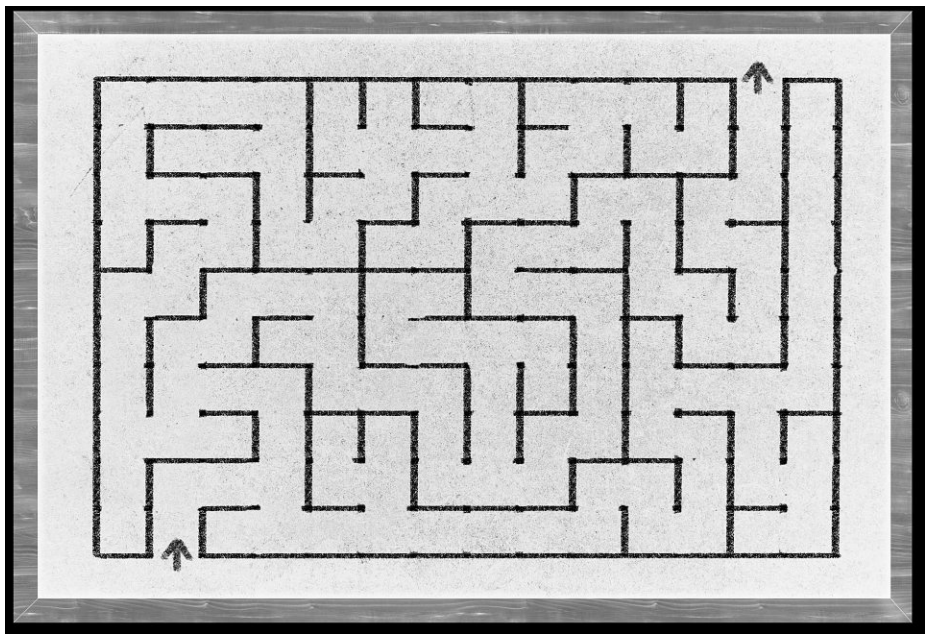
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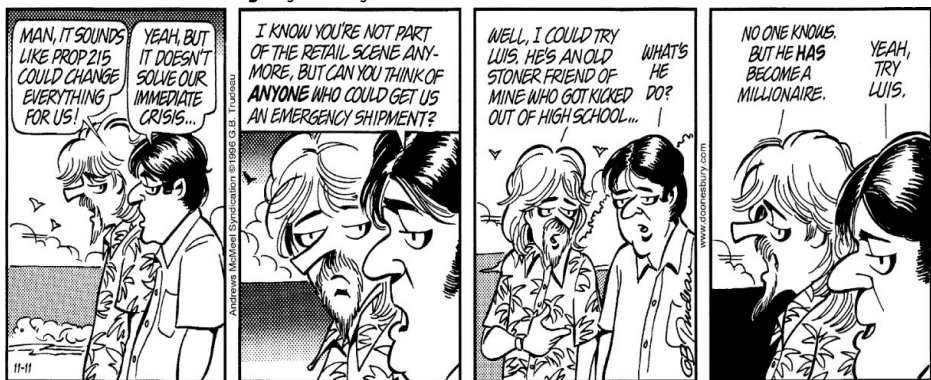
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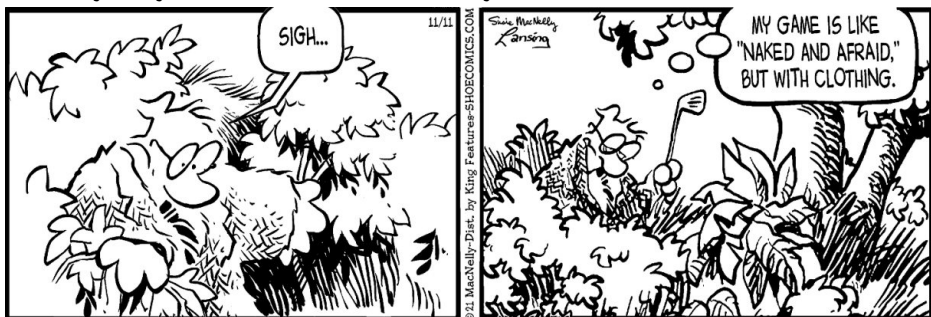
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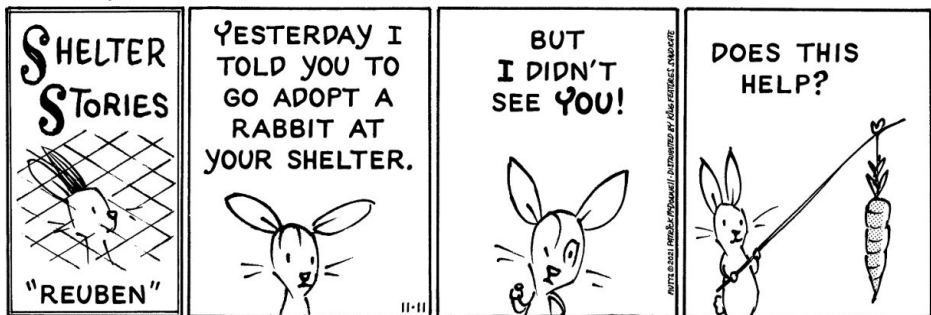
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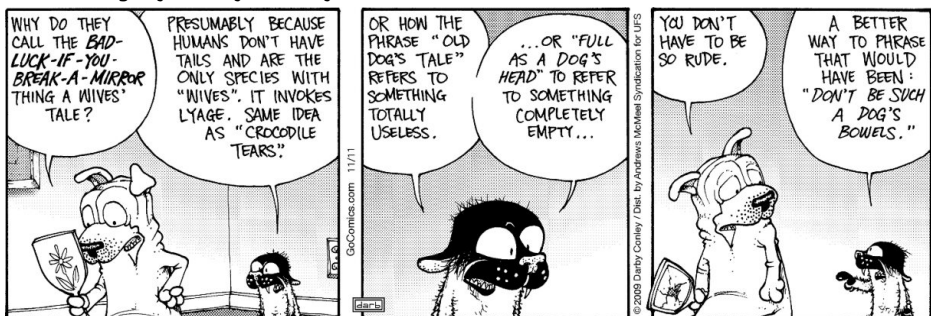
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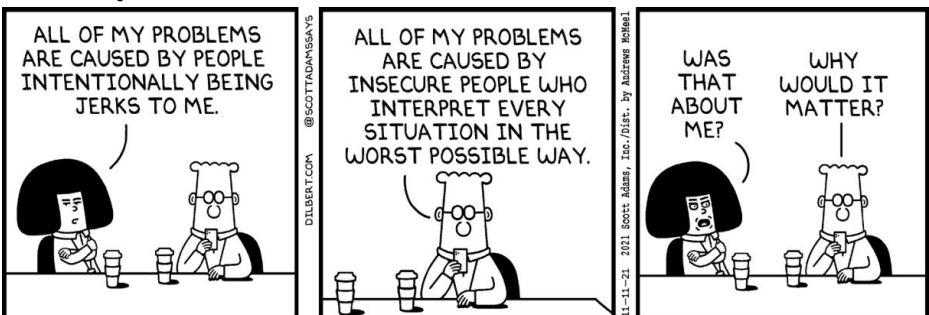
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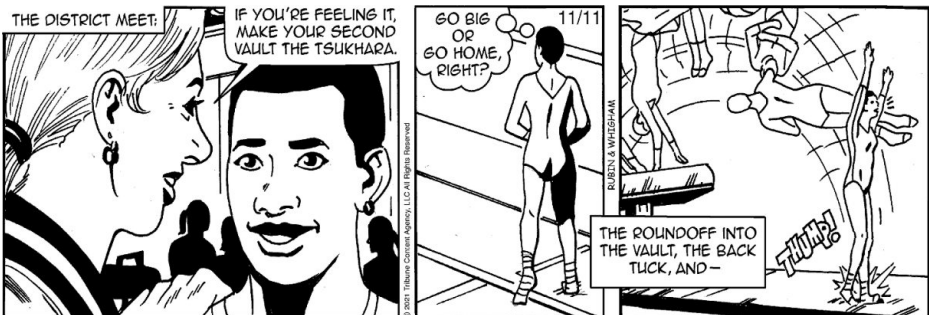
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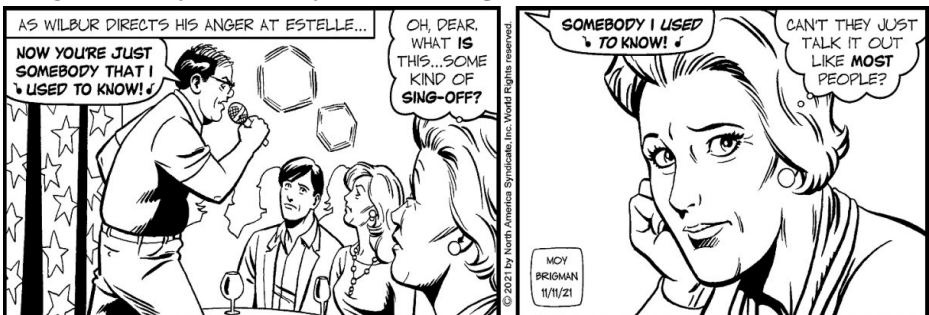
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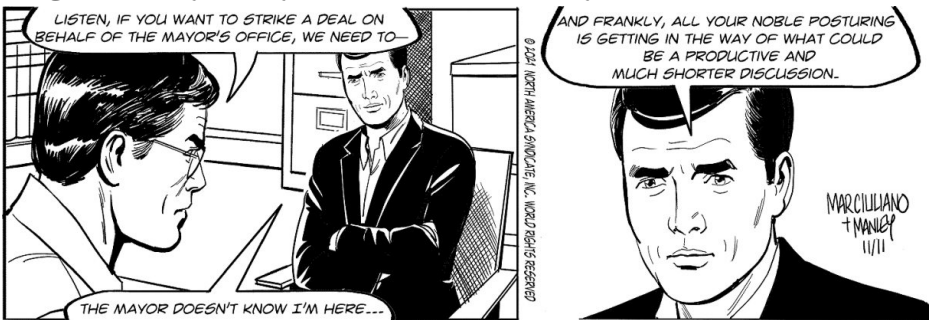
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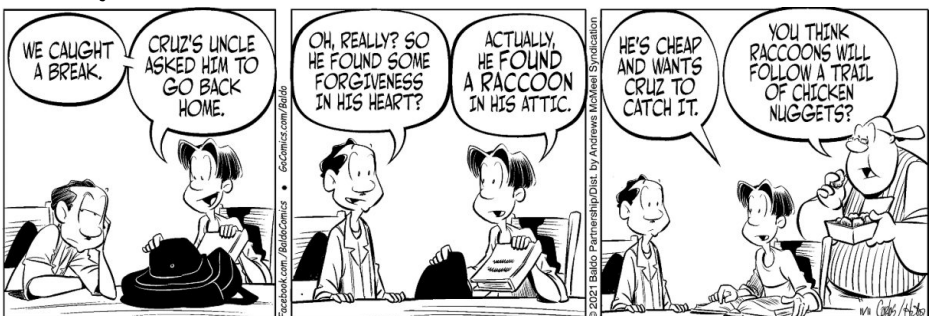
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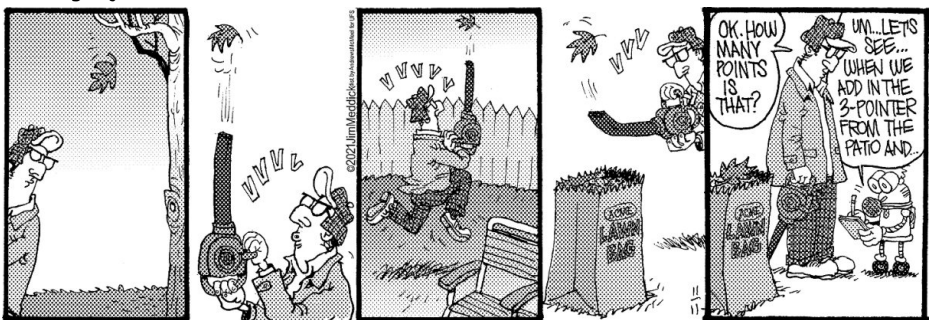
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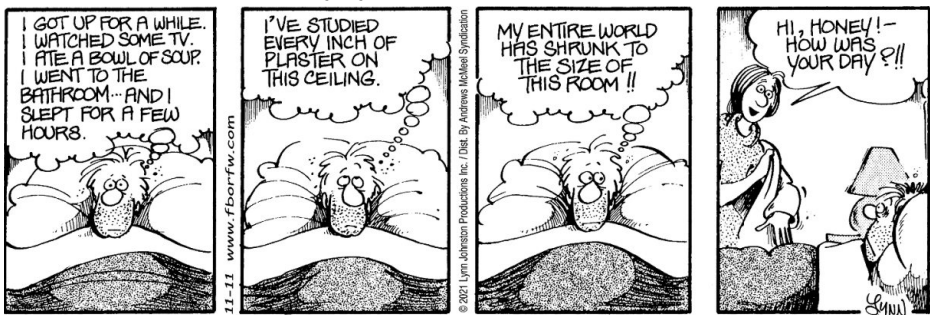
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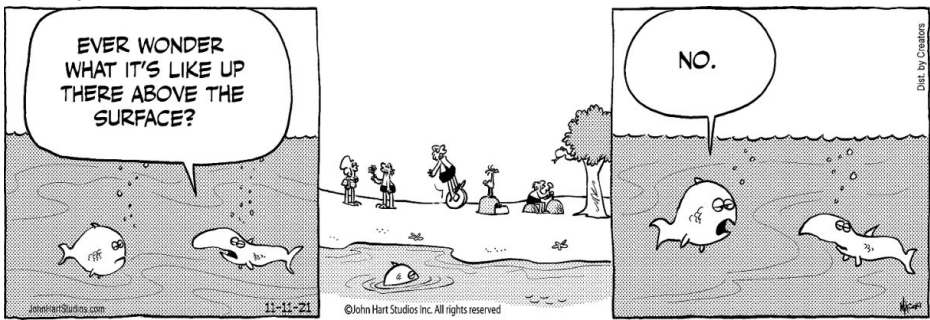
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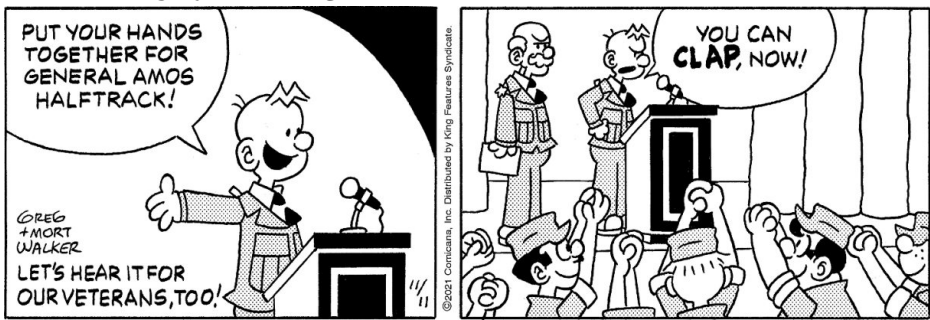
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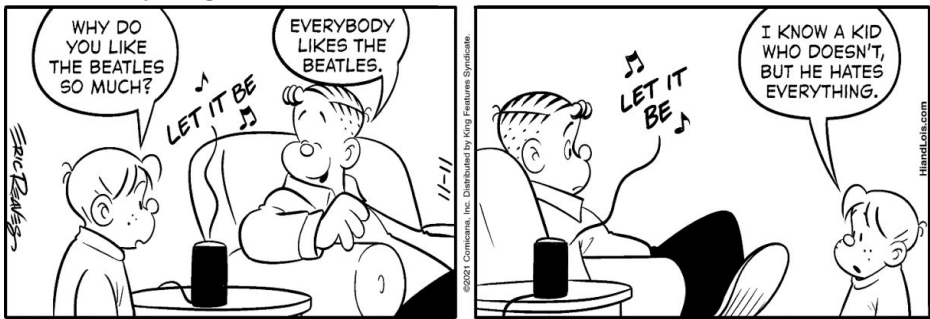
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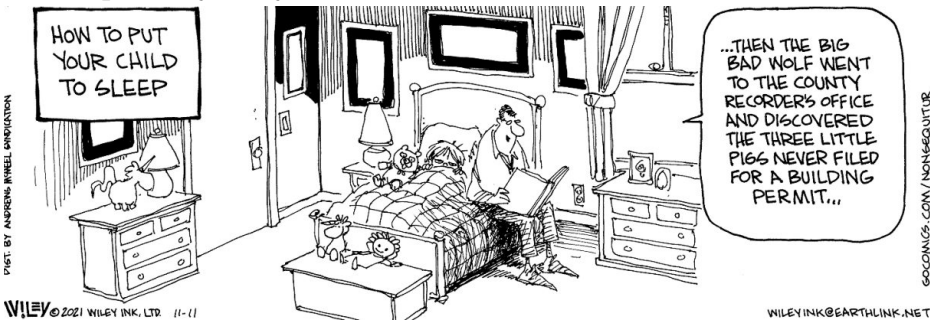
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Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley



Pickles By Brian Crane



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Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



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Across

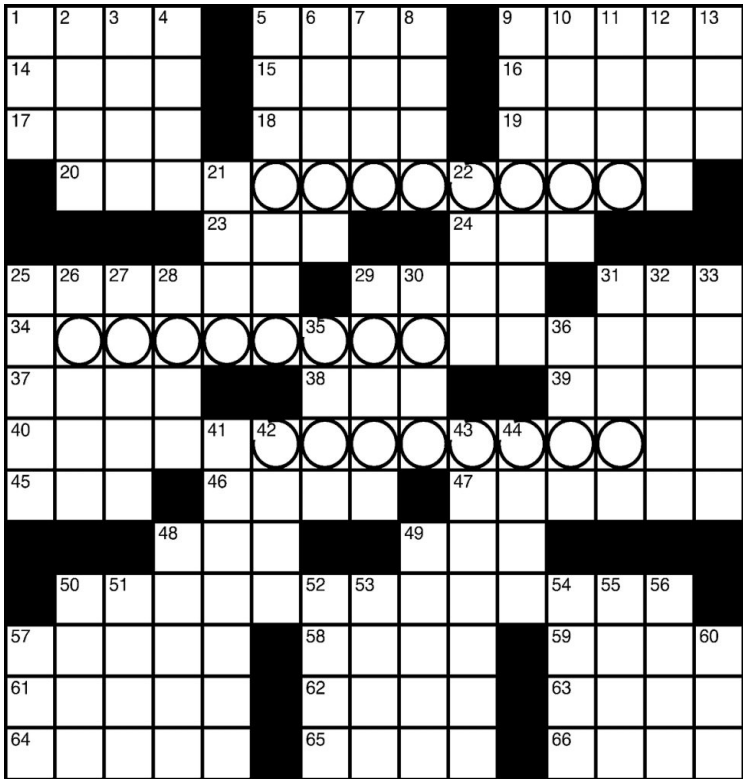
- 1 __ cake
- 5 Floor plan unit
- 9 App runner
- 14 "It can't be true!"
- 15 Humorist Bombeck
- 16 Like some whiskey barrels
- 17 Test version
- 18 Too much sun, they say
- 19 Common chord
- 20 Wind tunnel test object
- 23 Article in Die Zeit
- 24 "Saving Fish From Drowning" author Tan
- 25 Snares with loops
- 29 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 31 Catch
- 34 Keats work with the line, "She dwells with Beauty— Beauty that must die"
- 37 Was short
- 38 TiVo predecessor
- 39 Arabic for "commander"
- 40 Note instruction
- 45 Mme., in Madrid
- 46 Vega's constellation
- 47 Drops in speaking
- 48 Great Lakes' __ Canals
- 49 Summer sign
- 50 Tart drink concentrates, or what's literally found in 20-, 34- and 40-Across

- 9 River to Chesapeake Bay
- 10 "The Revenant" Oscar nominee Tom
- 11 Dust Bowl migrant
- 12 Sci-fi author Stephenson
- 13 Tight __; football position
- 21 Lowly laborer
- 22 Primary
- 25 Froot __
- 26 Ugly marketing battle
- 27 "Gotta go!"
- 28 Cream __
- 29 AA, on the NYSE
- 30 Rats relative
- 31 Wanderer
- 32 1955 Dior innovation
- 33 "Turn! Turn! Turn!" band, with "The"

- 35 "Oh, when will they __ learn?": Seeger lyric
- 36 Sphere opener
- 41 Gag reel scene
- 42 City on the Rhône
- 43 Judge appropriate
- 44 Wells' fruit eaters
- 48 Hit hard
- 49 Some lanes allow only them
- 50 Humdinger
- 51 Dashing style
- 52 Many a Mideast native
- 53 Board game pieces
- 54 Time to put up lights, briefly
- 55 A head
- 56 Equine parent
- 57 First day of spring, in Hanoi
- 60 Commanded

Down

- 1 Cygnet's father
- 2 Pampas bird
- 3 Contrarian prefix
- 4 Beast with tusks
- 5 Truthful representation, in art
- 6 Instrument with pipes
- 7 Sign
- 8 Stable parent



By Roland Huget

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A J 3
- ♥ A Q 7
- ♦ A 7 6 4 2
- ♣ Q 5

WEST

- ♠ 6
- ♥ 9 4 2
- ♦ 3
- ♣ A K J 10 8 4 3 2

EAST

- ♠ Q 9 8 7 4
- ♥ 10 6
- ♦ K Q 10 9 8
- ♣ 9

SOUTH

- ♠ K 10 5 2
- ♥ K J 8 5 3
- ♦ J 5
- ♣ 7 6

The bidding:

- West North East South
- 4 ♣ Dble Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A little extra effort

The ability to utilize information picked up during the bidding and play is a primary prerequisite to good declarer play.

Consider this case where South reached four hearts as shown and West led the K-A of clubs.

After East discarded the diamond ten on the second club, West shifted to the three of diamonds.

With every reason to believe that the three was a singleton, declarer put up dummy's ace and drew three rounds of trump.

When West turned up with three hearts, the hand became an open book.

West was known to have started with eight clubs, three hearts and apparently two singletons. This in turn meant that East had the K-Q of diamonds and, in all likelihood, the queen of spades. Although one successful spade finesse could be taken against East, declarer was still in danger of losing his fourth spade as well as a diamond.

South's knowledge of East's hand enabled him to circumvent the spade loser.

At trick seven, he cashed a fourth heart, bringing about this position:

North

- [S] A J 3
- [D] 7 6 4

West

- Immaterial

East

- [S] Q 9 8 7
- [D] K Q

South

- [S] K 10 5 2
- [H] 8
- [D] J

When South next played his last trump, discarding a diamond from dummy, East was a dead duck.

If he discarded a spade, declarer could score four tricks in the suit, so he pitched a diamond instead.

South then led the diamond jack to East's king, establishing dummy's diamond seven as a trick. East's spade return rode to dummy's jack, and declarer had the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CKRAT

UDOLAN

GIDION

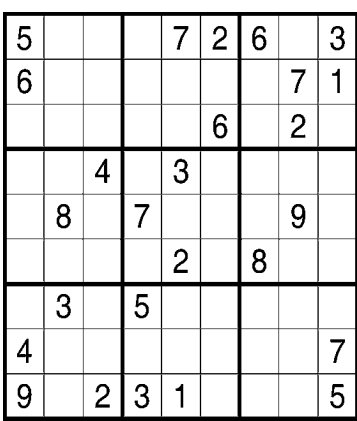
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

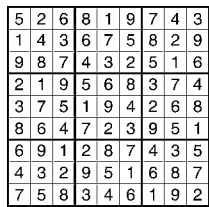
Yesterday's Jumbles: HIKER VISTA TYCOON TEMPER Answer: She was nervous about asking for a pay increase but was going to — RAISE THE TOPIC

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

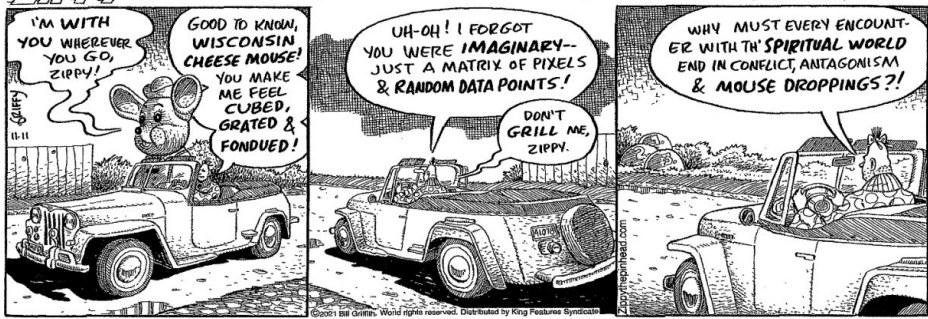
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Chemistry experiment

Hurley tries to find the right mix, and other takeaways from opening win over CCSU

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

STORRS — It would be easy, and accurate, to say UConn had a ho-hum win over an over-matched mid-major. But as opening games go, UConn's 99-48 win over Central Connecticut was far better than most.

The Huskies came out in sync, put it away early and never took their foot off the gas pedal. Often in first games, there is discom-bobulation early, maybe a 10-point lead at the half, allowing the opponent is allowed to hang around, etc., etc. There mistakes

Up next
Coppin State at UConn
Noon Saturday, FS2

here and there but nothing lack-luster about this one.

"We've got a lot of guys who believe in themselves and they're a lot closer," coach Dan Hurley said. "This group is a lot, lot closer and they understand how the chemistry is going to be."

The worst thing about this game is the knowledge that UConn has five more like it

Turn to UConn, Page 4



After signing his National Letter of Intent to play basketball at UConn on Wednesday, Donovan Clingan signed autographs for friends outside Bristol Central High. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Clingan, Karaban sign their letters of intent

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

BRISTOL — Donovan Clingan, the pen in his hand, the paper on a table before him, looked out at dozens of friends, teammates, coaches, teachers. He was flanked by his family, surrounded by extended family as he became the newest UConn men's basketball player.

"When everyone told you to go, you stayed," said coach Tim Barrette, at the podium. "You stayed."

The prep school route is irresistible and sensible for many top

college prospects, but Clingan was never diverted from his dream of playing for Bristol Central's Rams, chasing a state championship and challenging his mother's school records. With his senior season soon to begin he also stayed on his college course, signing his National Letter of Intent in a ceremony Wednesday in the school's auditorium.

"It feels great," Clingan said, as the celebration moved outside. "I've been waiting for this day since I committed on July 3 and now we're here. Now I'm officially

Turn to Signings, Page 4

SPORTS TO SERVICE

From the skating rink to the flight deck

East Granby's Casey Ouellette is about to embark on career in the Navy

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Casey Ouellette of East Granby was a synchronized figure skater, competing at the highest level of the sport.

Last year, after she retired from competition, she was looking for something that would make her feel the same way. Something that would push her, motivate her and make her feel like she was part of a team.

On Friday, the day after Veterans Day, Ouellette will graduate top of her class from the U.S. Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, as an ensign. She will then report to Pensacola, Florida, for flight training school, where she will train to be a Naval flight officer for the next two years.

"I just really loved being part of a team and to me, the military seemed like the closest thing I could get to being on a sports team but in real life," the 26-year-old said. "It has a lot of the same attributes. I was shocked at how similar this is to the skating team, with the discipline and the teamwork that comes into it, attention to detail, the physical fitness aspect."

"There are so many super-motivated, super-inspiring people that are around me all the time, it's making me work harder and it's kind of one thing I really loved about being part of a team."

Ouellette always thought she wanted to be in the military but she was busy competing and going to college. She started figure skating when she was 3 and when she was 6 joined a synchronized skating team at the International Skating Center in Simsbury. Synchronized skating is similar to pairs skating, except with eight to 20 skaters instead of two, combining elements of dance and choreography. It's not an Olympic sport but it is contested at the international level.

Ouellette, who graduated from East Granby High in 2013, competed with a college

Turn to Ouellette, Page 6

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Paige Bueckers cheers during an exhibition game against Fort Hays State on Tuesday at Gampel Pavilion. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

THE REAL DEAL

UConn standout Paige Bueckers announces first name, image and likeness deal with StockX

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball sensation Paige Bueckers has made her first splash into name, image and likeness partnerships, and it's a big one.

Bueckers, the reigning national player of the year, has signed a three-year partnership with StockX, a footwear and apparel marketplace, where she'll serve as a brand ambassador, the company announced Wednesday. According to ESPN's Nick DePaula, Bueckers will be "the centerpiece" of the company's campaign around women's sports and basketball.

"My partnership with StockX is about equity and authenticity," Bueckers said in a statement. "It's about product I love and about shining a light on all the creatives that drive culture. I'm here to celebrate them, and together with StockX, invest in making sure women and women athletes are prioritized, elevated and recognized for their style and their leadership."



Up next
Arkansas at UConn, 1 p.m. Sunday, SNY
■ Inside: Patterson, Brady officially sign with UConn. **Page 4**

"We're committed to providing a platform for female athletes to not only showcase their personal style, interests and values, but also to amplify their voices and connect with their communities," added StockX chief marketing officer Deena Bahri. "Paige isn't afraid to stand up for what she believes in and speak out for change, which is perfectly aligned with our cultural values of remaining committed to what's right and building a legacy. We're excited to partner with this rising star as she continues to drive impact both on and off the court."

A wave of state legislation over the summer pushed the NCAA to change its own policies that had long restricted college athletes from profiting off their name, image and likeness. UConn's school-specific NIL policy took effect on July 12.

Experts forecast that Bueckers, who has a massive social media following in addition to being a mega-talented star, could be one of the biggest beneficiaries of NIL

Turn to Bueckers, Page 4

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— Paige Bueckers, on her partnership



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Jets: Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: Coppin State (XL Center), Saturday, noon; LIU (Gampel), Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Binghamton (XL Center), Nov. 20, noon
UConn WBB: Arkansas (XL Center), Sunday, 1 p.m.; vs. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 21, time TBA
Celtics: Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m.
Knicks: at Hornets, Friday, 7 p.m.; Pacers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Magic, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: at Pelicans, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Thunder, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Warriors, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: Boston College, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at UMass Lowell, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
Bruins: Oilers, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Devils, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Canadiens, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
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George Washington at Maryland. 6:30 p.m.
BIGTEN
Sacred Heart at Providence. 6:30 p.m. FS1
Kennesaw State at Creighton. 8:30 p.m. FS1
NBA
Toronto at Philadelphia. 7 p.m. NBA
Miami at L.A. Clippers. 10:30 p.m. NBA
NBA G League
Agua Caliente Clippers vs G League Ignite. 8 p.m. ESPN2
NFL
Ravens at Miami. 8 p.m. FOX/NFL
College Football
North Carolina at Pittsburgh. 7:30 p.m. ESPN
Golf
LPGA Tour: Pelican Women's Championship, First Round. 10 a.m. GOLF
Houston Open, First Round. 1 p.m. GOLF
PGA Tour Champions: Charles Schwab Cup Championship, First Round. 4 p.m. GOLF
Women's: Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship, Third Round. 1 a.m. GOLF
European PGA Tour: AVIV Dubai Championship, Second Round. 5 a.m. GOLF
NHL
7 p.m.: Edmonton Oilers at Boston Bruins. (Live), NESN
Men's College Hockey
Michigan at Penn State. 8:30 p.m. BIGTEN
Tennis
Center Court. 6 a.m. TENNIS
Center Court. 6 p.m. TENNIS
Center Court. 8:30 p.m. TENNIS

YANKEES

Search to replace Torres starts with Correa, Seager

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Yankees are starting out shopping in the luxury aisle this winter. GM Brian Cashman told reporters at the GM meetings in California that the team has already had talks with the agents for two short-stops since the free agency market opened on Sunday night. The agents representing Carlos Correa and Corey Seager, according to MLB Network's Jim Bowden.

To fill the hole left by Gleyber Torres' struggles the last two years the Yankees seem to at least be aiming high. Both will require expensive, multi-year deals and they come with the extra baggage of having been given a qualifying offer, meaning it will also cost the Yankees draft picks.

At just 27, Correa is going to be a foundation for an organization for years to come when he signs this winter. He will be a solid building block having slashed .279/.366/.485 with 26 home runs this season. He's rated as one of the league's best with the glove for the past few seasons. He finished the 2021 regular season with the top WAR, according to Baseball Reference.

Correa turned down a five-year, \$160 million extension offer from the Astros, according to reports.

But it's not just time and money the Yankees would have to invest in Correa, it would also be forgiveness. Correa was also the face of the Astros' 2017-18 cheating scandal, which still burns the Yankees. It's hard to imagine Correa in a Yankees clubhouse full of players who were very vocal in their belief that the



Astros shortstop Carlos Correa celebrates the end of the fifth inning against the Red Sox in Game 5 of the ALCS on Oct. 20 in Boston. WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Astros cheated them out of a trip to the World Series.

Seager has always seemed like the best fit for the Yankees all along.

The 2020 World Series MVP, Seager is a left-handed power bat who rarely strikes out and draws plenty of walks. Seager hit .306/.394/.521 over 409 plate appearances this season, missing time with a fractured right hand. His glove has been rated average to slightly below average the last few seasons, but his proven offense has been able to overcome that.

Also, Seager can move to third base when one of the Yankees' young short-stop prospects — Anthony Volpe or Oswald Peraza — is ready.

While the Yankees may have hit the ground running this offseason by reaching out to two obvious candidates, it doesn't mean that is where they will

end up. The Dodgers and Astros are now also on the hunt for a shortstop. The Tigers are said to be entertaining the idea of reuniting Correa with former Astros manager A.J. Hinch.

There are other shortstops available including American League MVP candidate Marcus Semien, Trevor Story and Javier Baez, as well as lower-level veterans like Freddy Galvis and Andrelton Simmons.

The Yankees also have to figure out what they are going to do with Torres. Having signed DJ LeMahieu to a six-year, \$90 million deal in January, having to move Torres to second throws LeMahieu into positions — third and first — where he gives the Yankees less bang for their buck.

It was a gamble the Yankees tried for two seasons, but finally admitted defeat when they moved Torres in September.

RED SOX NOTES

Martinez's decision to stay was not difficult, according to agent Boras

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

CARLSBAD, Calif. — J.D. Martinez's decision to stay with the Red Sox was not a difficult one, according to his agent.

"J.D. looked at his situation and he's comfortable in Boston," Scott Boras said Wednesday during what has become an annual news conference with reporters at the general managers meetings.

Boras noted that Martinez regained his swing after a "disruptive" 2020 season and wanted to continue that work.

"He wanted to be the best version of himself when he hit free agency, and he thought he would do that after another season in Boston where he's comfortable," said Boras. "The ownership there supported this decision and told him they're going to make every effort to make the team even more competitive."

Martinez also was hesitant about going into the market without knowing if there would be a universal designated hitter next season.

The five-year deal Martinez agreed to before the 2018 season contained three opt-out provisions. Martinez declined them all.

"As the lawyer for a player,



The Red Sox's J.D. Martinez runs to first during the second inning against the Astros in Game 3 of the ALCS on Oct. 18 in Boston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

you wanted him to have choices," Boras said. "He got to really use that to evaluate every circumstance that was available to him."

The 34-year-old Martinez has hit .297 with a .917 OPS, 114 home runs, and 361 RBIs in four seasons for the Sox.

Competition for Rodriguez: The Red Sox have made a multiyear offer to free agent Eduardo Rodriguez. But the Detroit Tigers are among the teams interested in the lefthander.

The Tigers see Rodriguez as a stabilizing force in their youthful rotation after a surprising 77-85 season.

The Sox made Rodriguez

a qualifying offer, which is worth \$18.4 million over one season. He has until Nov. 17 to accept or decline. Red Sox GM Brian O'Halloran said the team has not received any indication if Rodriguez is considering the one-year option.

Casas a star: First base prospect Triston Casas was picked for the Arizona Fall League All-Star Game on Saturday night in Scottsdale. The 21-year-old has hit .357 with a .942 OPS in 18 games. Infielder Jeter Downs was one of the players competing for a spot on the team via online voting by fans. ... Outfielder Tim Locastro, who was claimed off waiv-

ers from the Yankees last week, has a minor league option remaining. "Speed is his most notable tool," O'Halloran said. "But he's also a well-rounded player and someone that we liked. We wanted to get him in the organization and see where it goes." ... The Red Sox have six candidates for the All-MLB Team: Martinez (DH), Xander Bogaerts (SS), Rafael Devers (3B), Kiké Hernández (OF), Kyle Schwarber (OF), and Garrett Whitlock (relief pitcher). Nate Eovaldi was a puzzling absence after going 11-9 with a 3.75 ERA and 195 strikeouts over 182 ⅓ innings.

METS

Conforto getting a lot of early interest

By Tim Healey
Newsday

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Michael Conforto has received "extraordinary" interest in the opening days of free agency, his agent Scott Boras said Wednesday, adding that he expects the Mets' longtime right fielder to sign a long-term deal — somewhere.

Boras also blamed the lingering effects of COVID-19, which Conforto contracted shortly before spring training, for his mediocre 2021 season.

"They [teams] all know who he is and they all know what happened to him early in 2021," he said at the general managers' meetings. "It was unrelated to his abilities."

Conforto said in August that he did not believe COVID-19 impacted his performance.

Although Conforto will reject the Mets' one-year, \$18.4 million qualifying offer, he is willing to keep talking to the only major-league organization he has known, according to Boras.

"When players become free agents, they know where they've been," Boras said. "They're getting an opportunity to understand where they can go. And then they have to make that decision."

"I don't know how you register his intent. He's open to obviously listening to the Mets and a number of other teams. He has a lot of meetings ahead of him. He really does."

After the Mets drafted him in the first round but did not sign him, former Vanderbilt star Kumar Rocker will re-enter the MLB draft in 2022, Boras said.

"Kumar Rocker is looking great, throwing great," he said. "We think somebody is going to be very, very lucky — and someone may be very, very unlucky — as to how things turn out with Kumar Rocker."

The Mets selected Rocker with the 10th overall pick and expressed immediately afterward how happy and excited they were that the righthander, a former potential No. 1 overall pick, had fallen to them. But they became concerned about something that came up during his physical and opted not to sign him.

Because they did not agree to a contract with their first-round pick, the Mets will get an extra draft choice, No. 11 overall, in the 2022 draft.

NFL NOTES

Patriots focused on stopping run ahead of matchup vs. Browns

Associated Press

Throughout Don'ta Hightower's nine seasons in New England, the veteran linebacker said the identity of the Patriots' defense has always been predicated on two things — being physical and stopping the run.

Both will need to be on display this week as the Patriots prepare for a Cleveland Browns offense that has the second-ranked rushing offense in the NFL in averaging 160 yards per game.

It's unclear who will be anchoring that attack for Cleveland on Sunday with star running back Nick Chubb's status uncertain following a positive test for the coronavirus and Kareem Hunt's calf issue keeping him on injured reserve. Rookie running back/wide receiver Demetric Felton also tested positive for COVID-19.

If Chubb does play, Patriots inside linebackers coach Jerod Mayo said he will present "probably our biggest challenge of the year." Chubb is averaging 103 rushing yards per game, second only to Tennessee's Derrick Henry (117).

"You could just never take a play off," Mayo said. "He's one of these guys that he'll go for 2 yards, 3 yards, 4 yards, and then all of a sudden busts out a 70-yard run on you. So there are no plays off when he's in the backfield."

Coach Bill Belichick said the potential absence of Chubb won't change their approach.

"People are questionable. They might play. They might not play," he said. "Nobody's been ruled out, so we'll be ready for whoever's there."

Hightower said whoever lines up for the Browns will encounter a defense that has taken pride in making it difficult for opposing offenses to move the ball on the ground.

Hightower could only watch last season after he opted out because of COVID-19 concerns and New England slumped to 26th in the league against the run, allowing 131.4 yards per game.

After being ranked as low as 24th in the NFL defending the run this season following its Week 3 loss to the Saints, New England enters Sunday's matchup



Browns running back Nick Chubb carries the ball during a game against the Bengals on Sunday in Cincinnati. EMILIE CHINN/AP

ranked 14th in league, giving up 108.9 yards per game.

Jets name White Sunday starter: The New York Jets will keep rolling with Mike White at quarterback for now. And maybe a while longer.

Coach Robert Saleh announced Wednesday the decision to start White against the Buffalo Bills on Sunday, with rookie Zach Wilson still recovering from a sprained knee ligament. Wilson, cleared to return to practice this week, was limited Wednesday while running the scout team.

"We had a feeling on Monday with Zach's knee that he's not fully ready to go," Saleh said.

NETS

A look at why the Nets' record isn't quite as good as it seems

By Kristian Winfield
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Nets have beaten the bad and middle-of-the-pack teams and have lost to the play-off contenders. That's the biggest takeaway 11 games into a season with championship aspirations.

The Nets (7-4) look good against lesser competition, but when the playing field is even, there is still much work to be done.

Take, for example, Monday night's loss to the Chicago Bulls. At first glance, you can cut the Nets some slack because it was the second game in a back-to-back after they traveled to Toronto and beat the Raptors on Sunday. And it was the first game they lost after winning five in a row.

One could surmise they simply ran out of gas in the fourth quarter, when the Bulls outscored them, 42-17, and chalk it up to dead legs against a quality opponent. One could also surmise that every winning streak is eventually destined for an unforeseen ending.

But what if the quality of the opponent was more noteworthy than the quality of the Nets' rest the night before? After their 23-point loss in Chicago, players told a different story after the game, one that didn't use fatigue as an excuse for losing to the better team that night.

"We still can be in the right positions to be successful," James Harden said. "I feel like we weren't at all. Everything was just scrambled."

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	8	4	.667	—
Brooklyn	7	4	.636	½
New York	7	4	.636	½
Toronto	6	5	.545	1½
Boston	4	6	.400	3
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	7	3	.700	—
Washington	7	3	.700	—
Charlotte	5	7	.417	3
Atlanta	4	8	.333	4
Orlando	3	8	.273	4½
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	7	3	.700	—
Cleveland	7	4	.636	½
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2½
Indiana	4	7	.364	3½
Detroit	1	8	.111	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	7	3	.700	—
Memphis	6	4	.600	1
San Antonio	3	7	.300	4
Houston	1	9	.100	6
New Orleans	1	10	.091	6½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	8	3	.727	—
Denver	6	4	.600	1½
Portland	5	6	.455	3
Oklahoma City	3	6	.333	4
Minnesota	3	6	.333	4
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	9	1	.900	—
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2½
L.A. Clippers	6	4	.600	3
L.A. Lakers	6	5	.545	3½
Sacramento	5	6	.455	4½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Brooklyn at Orlando, late
Washington at Cleveland, late
Detroit at Houston, late
Milwaukee at New York, late
Toronto at Boston, late
Charlotte at Memphis, late
Dallas at Chicago, late
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, late
Sacramento at San Antonio, late
Indiana at Denver, late
Portland at Phoenix, late
Miami at L.A. Lakers, late
Minnesota at Golden State, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 118, Philadelphia 109
Utah 110, Atlanta 98
L.A. Clippers 117, Portland 109

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	235	118
New England	5	4	0	.556	230	170
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	144	251
Miami	2	7	0	.222	155	242
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	255	211
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	245	213
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	132	209
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	221	195
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	161	169
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	236	203
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	224	196
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
L.A. Chargers	5	3	0	.625	199	201
Las Vegas	5	3	0	.625	196	189
Denver	5	4	0	.556	187	153
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	221	227

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	241	192
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	227	218
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	201	155
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	175	220
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	171	183
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	199	180
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	194	191
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	224
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	8	1	0	.889	277	155
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	261	196
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	185	202
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169

WEEK 10
THURSDAY'S GAME
Baltimore at Miami, 8:20p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Dallas, 1p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:05p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 4:05p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 4:25p.m.
Seattle at Green Bay, 4:25p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY'S GAME
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:15p.m.
Off: Cinc., Houston, Chicago, N.Y. Giants

SOCCER

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS
EAST FIRST ROUND
Phl., vs. NY Red Bulls, Nov. 20, 2:30p.m.
Nashville vs. Orlando, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
N.Y. City vs. Atlanta, Nov. 21, 3 p.m.
WEST FIRST ROUND
Seattle vs. Salt Lake, Nov. 23, 10:30 p.m.
Sporting KC vs. Vancouver, Nov. 20, 10 p.m.
Portland vs. Minnesota, Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.

NWSL PLAYOFFS
SEMIFINALS
OL Reign vs. Washington, 3p.m.
Portland vs. Chicago, 5:30p.m.

TENNIS

WTA FINALS GUADALAJARA
PanamERICAN Tennis Center, Guadalajara, Mexico, indoor-hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES GROUP 1
A.Kontaveit d. B.Krejčíková, 6-3, 6-4.
K.A. Pliskova vs. G.Muguruza, late
CHICHÉN ITZÁ
Aryna Sabalenka 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
Maria Sakkarí 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
Iga Wiattek 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
Paula Badosa 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
TEOTIHUACÁN
MAT SET SET GM
Anett Kontaveit 1-0 2-0 12-7
Barbora Krejčíková 0-1 0-2 7-12
Karolína Plíšková 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
Garbiñe Muguruza 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

WTA GENERALI LADIES LINZ
Wednesday at Intersport Arena Linz, Linz, Austria; indoors-hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES QUARTERFINALS
#2 Simona Halep d. #7 Jasmine Paolini, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.
#3 Danielle Collins d.
Alison van Uytvanck, 7-5, 6-3.
Jaqueline Adina Cristian d.
#4Veronika Kudermetova, 6-3, 7-6(5).
#8 Alona Riske d. Xinyu Wang, 6-3, 7-5.

ATP STOCKHOLM OPEN
Wednesday at Kungliga tennishallen, Stockholm, indoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Andy Murray d. #1 Jannik Sinner, 7-6(4), 6-3.
#2 Felix Auger-Aliassime d.
Filip Krájinovic, 6-3, 6-4.
#3 Denis Shapovalov d.
Andrea Vassori, 7-6(1), 6-1.
#4 Daniel Evans d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 7-6(5), 6-2.
Tommy Paul d. #5Taylor Fritz, 6-4, 6-4.
Botic van de Zandschulp d.
#7 Marton Fucsovics, 7-6(3), 3-6, 7-5.
#8 Frances Tiafoe d. Pedro Martinez, 6-4, 6-4.
Art. Rinderknech d. Jo. Kovalick, 6-4, 6-1

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	13	10	2	1	21	52	35		
Detroit	14	7	5	2	16	43	46		
Tampa Bay	12	6	3	3	15	36	37		
Toronto	13	7	5	1	15	33	37		
Boston	10	6	4	0	12	28	28		
Buffalo	12	5	5	2	12	36	36		
Ottawa	12	3	8	1	7	30	43		
Montreal	14	3	10	1	7	28	48		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Carolina	11	10	1	0	20	41	21		
N.Y. Rangers	13	7	3	3	17	33	37		
Washington	12	6	2	4	16	42	32		
Philadelphia	10	6	2	2	14	32	25		
Columbus	10	7	3	0	14	32	28		
New Jersey	11	6	3	2	14	33	33		
N.Y. Islanders	10	5	3	2	12	27	25		
Pittsburgh	11	4	3	4	12	35	35		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
St. Louis	11	8	2	1	17	40	27		
Minnesota	11	8	3	0	16	37	36		
Winnipeg	12	6	3	3	15	39	35		
Nashville	12	6	5	1	13	32	33		
Dallas	11	4	5	2	10	25	35		
Colorado	10	4	5	1	9	30	36		
Chicago	14	3	9	2	8	31	50		
Arizona	12	1	10	1	3	19	49		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Edmonton	11	9	2	0	18	47	32		
Calgary	12	7	2	3	17	41	26		
Anaheim	14	7	4	3	17	45	39		
San Jose	12	7	4	1	15	36	31		
Los Angeles	13	7	5	1	15	38	34		
Vegas	13	7	6	0	14	37	40		
Vancouver	13	5	6	2	12	35	36		
Seattle	13	4	8	1	9	36	44		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto at Philadelphia, late
Nashville at Dallas, late
Minnesota at Arizona, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Calgary at Montreal, 7p.m.
Edmonton at Boston, 7p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at Ottawa, 7p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8p.m.
San Jose at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9p.m.
Anaheim at Seattle, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
New Jersey 7, Florida 3
Boston 3, Ottawa 2
Los Angeles 3, Montreal 2 (OT)
Carolina 2, Tampa Bay 1 (OT)
Detroit 4, Edmonton 2
St. Louis 3, Winnipeg 2 (SO)
Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2 (SO)
San Jose 4, Calgary 1
Vegas 4, Seattle 2
Anaheim 3, Vancouver 2 (OT)

ODDS

NBA			
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	THURSDAY UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	off	(off)	Toronto
at Utah	off	(off)	Indiana
at LA Clippers	off	(off)	Miami

NHL			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	THURSDAY LINE
at Boston	-134	Edmonton	+113
Calgary	-128	at Montreal	+108
Los Angeles	-110	at Ottawa	-110
NY Islanders	-138	at New Jersey	+117
Florida	-117	at Pittsburgh	-103
Washington	-135	at Detroit	+114
at St. Louis	-166	Nashville	+140
at Winnipeg	-176	San Jose	+149
at Colorado	-204	Vancouver	+170
at Vegas	-110	Minnesota	+109
at Seattle	-165	Anaheim	-140

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	THURSDAY UNDERDOG
at Evansville	12	(off)	IUPUI
CS-Fullerton	5½	(149½)	at S.Jose
at Washington	15	(138½)	N. Arizona
N. Colorado	1	(138½)	at Hawaii

COLLEGE FOOTBALL			
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	THURSDAY UNDERDOG
at Pittsburgh	6½	(73)	N. Carolina

FRIDAY			
Cincinnati	23½	(57)	at S. Florida
at Boise State	13½	(48½)	Wyoming

SATURDAY			
at SMU	7	(60½)	UCF
at Memphis	5½	(59)	E. Carolina
Houston	24½	(54½)	at TEMPLE
at Indiana	7	(42)	Rutgers
at Alabama	5½	(67)	N. Mexico St.
Michigan	4½	(48½)	at Penn State
at Wisconsin	24½	(51)	Northwestern
at Louisville	2	(47½)	Syracuse
at Kansas State	6½	(47)	W. Virginia
at Auburn	5½	(50)	Mississippi St.
Oklahoma	5½	(62½)	at Baylor
at Clemson	41	(50½)	Uconn
Utah	24	(54)	at Arizona
at Co. Carolina	10½	(52)	Georgia State
W. Kentucky	18	(62½)	at Rice
at Appalach. St.	22½	(52½)	S. Alabama
at Texas Tech	2½	(53½)	Ga. Southern
at Iowa	5½	(37)	Minnesota
at Ohio State	20	(62)	Purdue
Georgia	20½	(56)	at Tennessee
Miami	2½	(60½)	at Florida St.
at Virginia Tech	11½	(50)	Duke
Iowa State	10½	(58½)	at Texas Tech
at Georgia Tech	2	(54)	Boston Coll.
at La. Tech	6½	(57)	Charlotte
at Marshall	4½	(54½)	UAB
La-Lafayette	7	(48)	at Tory
at Mid Tenn.	10	(56)	FIU
FAU	7	(48)	at Old. Dom.
at UTSA	33	(54½)	Southern Miss.
Tulsa	3	(55½)	at Tulane
at Michigan St.	13	(61½)	Maryland
at Missouri	1	(55)	S. Carolina
UTEP	1½	(55)	at North Texas
Hawaii	3	(57)	at UNLV
at La. Monroe	3	(66½)	Arkansas St.
at Oregon St.	12½	(53½)	Stanford
Kentucky	21	(52½)	at Vanderbilt
Arizona State	5½	(44)	at Washington
Texas A&M	2½	(55½)	at Mississippi
Air Force	2½	(45½)	at Colorado St.
at Fresno St.	24½	(51)	New Mexico
Arkansas	2½	(59)	at LSU
at Wake Forest	2	(66½)	NC State
at Texas	30½	(62)	Kansas
Notre Dame	5½	(64)	at Virginia
at Oklahoma St.	13	(54½)	TCU
at UCLA	17	(57½)	Colorado
at Oregon	14	(57½)	Wash. St.
at San Jose St.	4½	(56½)	Utah State
at S. Diego St.	2½	(46½)	Nevada

NFL WEEK 10			
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	THURSDAY UNDERDOG
Baltimore	7½	(46½)	at Miami

at Ohio State	20	(62)	Purdue
Georgia	20½	(56)	at Tennessee
Miami	2½	(60½)	at Florida St.
at Virginia Tech	11½	(50)	Duke

FOOTBALL
Saturday: at Clemson,
noon, ACC Network

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: vs. Coppin State,
noon, FS2

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Ayanna Patterson, a 6-foot-2 wing from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the No. 4 prospect in the Class of 2022, is officially a member of the UConn women's basketball team. **HANDOUT**

UConn WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Patterson, Brady officially sign

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

Ayanna Patterson and Ice Brady are officially Huskies.

ESPN's No. 4 and No. 5 prospects in the class of 2022 respectively inked their commitment to the UConn women's basketball team on Wednesday by signing their national letters of intent, the school announced. Wednesday is the first day of the weeklong early signing period for Division I men's and women's basketball players.

UConn's two-person class is ranked No. 4 in the country behind Oregon, UCLA and Oregon State, according to ESPN.

"During the recruiting period for this class, we set out to find a couple bigs who could play multiple positions," coach Geno Auriemma said in a statement. "I think we found the two best in the country in Ayanna and Ice. As a tandem, I think they're going to give us exactly what we were looking for."

Patterson, a 6-foot-2 wing from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is considered an ultra-athletic prospect who's a superb rebounder and has a high motor. Several of her two-handed dunks have gone viral. She also won gold this summer with USA Basketball as part of its U18 3x3 World Cup team.

"What's most impressive about Ayanna is her incredible athletic ability and the places she can get to on the court," Auriemma said. "Offensively and defensively, I think she's going to have a huge impact right away because those were two things we needed to address."

"It's really hard to find a better athlete, in the class, in the country, really in any class," Premier

Basketball's Shane Laffin told the Courant this spring. "There's just nothing really that she's not going to be able to do, and I think the argument could be made she has potentially the biggest pro projection in this class — and it's a good class."

Patterson made her commitment to UConn in March, having not visited Storrs amid the COVID-19 pandemic. She finally got to campus last month, where she was in attendance for First Night alongside Brady.

"Everything that I had heard and everything that I had believed in was there," Patterson told the Courant about her visit.

Brady, a 6-foot-3 post from San Diego, California, has been described as a "lefty power forward with a soft touch outside and strength inside," per Premier Basketball.

"With Ice, you have the classic power player who can step out and make a perimeter shot," Auriemma said. "She can handle the ball at the high post and is very good passer."

Her biggest focus since deciding on UConn has been to become an even more versatile player.

"Just not being in a box, that was my biggest thing," Brady told The Courant recently. "I wouldn't want to just be a five or just be a four ... definitely want to stretch out to that three, and then of course along with that being fast enough, quick enough to guard that position as well."

She was the first player from ESPN HoopGurlz's rankings to announce her college decision, committing to UConn in the fall of her sophomore year.

"Oh my goodness, I would talk to Coach Geno [Auriemma] all the time and I'd just be like, 'it was just a blessing that I went on my

visit when I did and committed on my visit when I did,' " Brady told the Courant. "I feel bad for all the other girls that didn't get a chance to finish up their actual recruitment because they didn't get to see campus or whatever. It was a huge weight off my shoulders."

Both players made the 2022 Naismith High School Trophy Girls watch list earlier in the day.

Though the NCAA granted all players an extra year of eligibility given last year's pandemic-riddled season, seniors Christyn Williams and Olivia Nelson-Ododa, as well as redshirt senior Evina Westbrook, are all expected to leave for the WNBA after this season. Transfer Dorka Juhász graduated from Oorka State early so will also have one year of eligibility remaining after the 2021-22 season, but she could also eye an exit for the pro ranks.

Should those four leave, the Huskies 2022-23 roster would feature one senior, Aubrey Griffin, five juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen. With Paige Bueckers and Azzi Fudd running things, that team's strength will likely still be in the backcourt, but Patterson and Brady give Auriemma two more frontcourt pieces to develop alongside the likes of Griffin, current sophomores Aaliyah Edwards, Mir McLean and Piath Gabriel and freshman Amari DeBerry.

"It just adds to the pile of talent," Laffin said in March. "They bring in the class that they're bringing in '21, those two come in '22 give you two really high-profile forwards that are kind of contrasting, balanced styles — it's one of those rich getting richer situations."

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legislation, with some estimates projecting she could make as much as \$700,000 or \$1 million off NIL opportunities.

The terms of her deal with StockX were not disclosed.

According to DePaula, Bueckers is in talks with several other companies, and more NIL deals could be announced during the basketball season. Bueckers signed with Lindsay Kagawa Colas of the Wasserman Agency to negotiate her NIL deals.

DePaula also reported more of what Bueckers' deal with StockX will entail.

"Bueckers will also help design exclusive products for the platform's DropX portal for limited edition exclusive launches. These products could include third-party clothing brands or collaborators, and incorporate her Paige Buckets nickname [which she trademarked this summer]," DePaula reported. "There will be an emphasis on community-driven initiatives and highlighting Black women and BIPOC creatives in upcoming projects." Bueckers dedicated her speech at the ESPYs this past summer to Black women whose contributions too often get overlooked, both in basketball and

outside of it.

DePaula added: "For the entirety of the deal, Bueckers will also be provided access to limited edition footwear and apparel from all brands available on the platform."

"I'm huge on fashion, huge on clothes, huge on shoes," Bueckers said in a video announcing the partnership. "Everybody that I sign with, I want to make sure my values align with them and theirs align with mine. I want to do great stuff in the community. I want to be able to reach people that don't have the same opportunities that I had growing up and didn't have the same blessings that I had, spreading awareness, spreading change. StockX has great ideas, I have great ideas and I'm glad we're able to come together."

Given Bueckers' catapulting fame and her love of sneakers, DePaula wrote that "there is widespread expectation around the industry that offering a signature shoe will be a necessary prerequisite to signing Bueckers once she turns pro" and there will be an "eventual bidding war for her exclusive footwear and apparel endorsement deal."

Bueckers, who just turned 20, is age-eligible to leave UConn and go pro following her junior season at UConn, as she will turn 22 that calendar year.

Azzi Fudd inks another NIL deal

Bueckers' teammate and close friend Azzi Fudd also announced a NIL deal Wednesday with BioSteel Sports, which carries hydration-focused sports drinks, as their first college basketball athlete brand partner.

Some of the company's other partners include the NFL's Patrick Mahomes, NBA's Luka Dončić and NWSL's/USWNT's Christen Press.

"Maintaining a healthy lifestyle has always been very important to me, and as a student-athlete, hydration is a critical part of that, on and off the court. As I move into the next phase of my career, it is really important that I continue to be smart about what I put into my body on a daily basis," Fudd said in a statement.

"Being able to team up with BioSteel, and having clean and sugar-free options, I am really excited about what this partnership will do for my hydration routine. I also believe in the mission and values of the company and the people at BioSteel who are supporting me."

Fudd previously announced a NIL deal with Chipotle and appeared in a commercial for TikTok.

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against mid-majors over the next three weeks. Without a lot of apparent kinks to work out, the Huskies could really have used at least one more high-end nonconference opponent.

Here are some notes, quotes and takeaways from the Huskies opening win.

Floyd's status

Corey Floyd Jr.'s status is still unclear. The freshman did not dress for Tuesday night's opener, and UConn offered no update on Wednesday.

Floyd was UConn's first recruit from the Class of 2022 but took extra courses, graduated from Roselle (N.J.) Catholic last summer and reclassified, enrolling at UConn in August. The possibility of a redshirt season has always been there for Floyd, who is only 17.

Freshman Jordan Hawkins, who was out with a right ankle injury, could make his debut as early as Saturday against Coppin State.

Springs moving forward

Richie Springs got in for six minutes and grabbed a rebound. An academic redshirt in 2019-20, the 6-foot-9 forward played 13 minutes all last season, eight in the Big East Tournament blow-out over DePaul.

"I thought Richie should've been a lot more assertive," Hurley said. "I probably should have went to Richie even before Samson [Johnson], because Richie has been practicing really well the last week or so, and that's

a mistake I made. Richie probably earned that fourth forward. They'll all grow and get a lot better from that."

Central issue for Sellers

The Blue Devils, building under first-year coach Patrick Sellers, were fighting for loose balls all over the court when when down 40 on Tuesday night.

"I told our guys, 'We're going to look back at this game and probably laugh a little bit because our goal at Central Connecticut is, we want to win a regular-season championship in our league, win the conference tournament and get to the NCAA Tournament and potentially win a game,'" Sellers said.

"So if we reach our goals, and our guys continue to work hard, we're probably going to be playing a team like UConn again sometime in March. So these guys, it was rough on them, but it's going to help us. I thought we grew a little bit late in the second half, started getting open and setting better screens."

Programming note

Due to the conflict with UConn's football game at Clemson on Saturday, which will be on 97.9-FM ESPN in Hartford and the rest of the UConn network at noon, the men's basketball game against Coppin State can be heard only on The River, 105.9-FM, in the Hartford area.

Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman and Adam Giardino will call the football game. Bob Joyce and Ben Darnell will be on men's basketball contest.

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"With his size, his ability to pass, and his shooting touch around the basket and on the perimeter, he should have an immediate impact on our frontcourt at both ends."

— Dan Hurley, UConn coach, on Donovan Clingan

Clingan and his decision to play for the Huskies over the many other blue-blood programs that recruited him.

"This is his home," Barrette said. "The support you saw in this auditorium is because of the kid he is. He's the face of the school. This town has been looking to latch onto, and Donovan is a great character to latch onto."

Clingan has been working on his 3-point shooting, Barrette said, and showing improvement and getting stronger with his weight training. He has had the same kind of loyalty to his AAU program, Boston-based Team Spartans.

"UConn's getting the total package," said Team Spartans coach Joe Chatman. "You're talking about a young man who epitomizes what a college athlete should be. He works his butt off in and out of the classroom."

Karaban averaged 25.8 points, 8.7 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.9 blocks, shooting 60.3 percent, to help New Hampton win the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class AAA tournament. He was MVP in the championship game. He then 18.4 points, 7.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.6 blocks for his AAU Team, Expressions Elite at the Peach Jam. Karaban was the Gatorade player of the year in New Hampshire.

"[Karaban] has every attribute that we are looking for in our student-athletes," Hurley said. "He's tough, hard-working, skilled and all about improving and winning. He's the kind of player who is always in the gym."

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Ducks GM resigns amid investigation

Ducks general manager Bob Murray resigned a day after he was placed on administrative leave amid an investigation into his workplace conduct. Murray plans to enter a treatment program for alcohol abuse, the team and Murray said in a statement Wednesday. The 66-year-old Murray has been with the organization since 2005 and has run the hockey operations since November 2008, the third-longest active tenure for a GM in the NHL. “I want to apologize to anyone adversely affected by my behavior,” Murray said. “I vow to make changes to my life, starting with enrolling in a treatment program. ... I will focus my attention on where it should be: improving my life for the betterment of my family and friends.” Jeff Solomon, who joined the Ducks’ front office in May, will be the team’s GM while the club seeks a permanent replacement, owners Henry and Susan Samueli said in a statement. The Samuelis said they “apologize on behalf of the organization to anyone affected by misconduct from Bob. We expect every member of our organization to be treated with respect and will not stand for abuse of any kind. ... While we do not condone his conduct, we fully support his efforts to improve his physical and mental health by asking for help.”

Vikings RB Cook facing lawsuit



Vikings running back Dalvin Cook, facing a personal injury lawsuit from a former girlfriend for allegedly assaulting her during an altercation at his home last year, maintained Wednesday he was the victim in the fight. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the matter will be reviewed under the league’s personal conduct policy, but Cook will continue to practice and play with the team. Cook’s attorney, David Valentini, said Tuesday, after the lawsuit was first reported by the Star Tribune, his client had the legal right to defend himself because the woman entered Cook’s home with a stolen garage door opener, punched him and sprayed mace in his face without provocation. Valentini said the woman and her attorney were trying to extort Cook for “millions of dollars.” Included as evidence in the lawsuit filed in Dakota County District Court was a message sent from Cook to the woman after the fight apologizing for his actions. She said she suffered a concussion, deep cuts to her face and other bruising. The lawsuit seeks damages in excess of \$50,000 for claims of assault, battery and false imprisonment.

Attack on teammate leads to arrest

Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Aminata Diallo has been taken into police custody in connection with an attack on one of her teammates, prosecutors said Wednesday. The 26-year-old Diallo was arrested by Versailles police as part of an investigation into “an attack on the club’s players” last Thursday evening, PSG said in a statement. The Versailles prosecutor’s office confirmed that Diallo was taken into custody, and that Kheira Hamraoui had been attacked. No other details were given. Hamraoui and Diallo are PSG teammates and the midfielders also play for France’s national team. “Paris Saint-Germain condemns in the strongest possible terms the violence committed,” PSG said. The club added that it will work closely with the Versailles police to clarify the facts. No other information was given, but several French media reports said Hamraoui was attacked following an evening out with Diallo and another teammate, who was not identified. Broadcaster BFM TV reported that Diallo was driving them back when several people wearing masks attacked, and that Hamraoui was hit several times with a metal bar and needed stitches to her hands and legs. —Associated Press



Raiders owner Mark Davis has a team with a winning record but also disturbing off-the-field issues. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY

NFL COMMENTARY

Who’s steering the ship?

Wins aside, Raiders adrift with off-the-field ugliness

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Their \$100 million coach is gone, his career destroyed by emails as vile as they were disturbing. The team president who spearheaded the Raiders’ move to Las Vegas is looking for a new job, too, after reportedly botching some tax payments. Their wide receiver of the future now has a future that likely includes prison after a woman died in a fiery crash he caused by driving drunk. The other first-round draft pick from last year was sent packing this week after a video surfaced of him, gun in hand, threatening someone’s life. The Raiders have always had issues, but nothing like this. Their first season before paying fans in Las Vegas has been overshadowed by a tsunami of off-field events that have shaken the franchise to the core. So far, at least, they’ve been able to compartmentalize enough to go 5-3 and share the lead in the AFC West. They play Sunday night at home against the Chiefs in a game that should offer more clues about their chances of making the playoffs for the first time in five years. But players and fans both have to be wondering by now: Who’s steering the ship — and how long can it stay afloat? Owner Mark Davis, at least ostensibly, is in charge. General Manager Mike Mayock, too, though his ties to disgraced coach Jon Gruden might eventually prove his undoing.

It was Mayock who stood before reporters Monday to announce that cornerback Damon Arnette, a 2020 first-round selection, was cut from the team after a series of off-field incidents. The final straw was a video posted online that showed Arnette threatening someone with a gun. Even the Raiders have to draw the line somewhere. “There have been a series of bad decisions over the last year or so, but we cannot stand for the video of Damon with a gun, threatening to take a life,” Mayock said. Easy to say now. But Mayock acknowledged there was “significant concern” about Arnette’s character coming out of Ohio State — yet the Raiders drafted him anyway. Henry Ruggs III was different. The biggest concern about taking the receiver from Alabama was whether he was worth their first pick. Then Ruggs sped through a residential area of Las Vegas, his Corvette reaching 156 mph before crashing into a car driven by a 23-year-old woman. Tina Tintor died, trapped with her dog in her burning vehicle as attempts by passers-by to get her out failed. Police say Ruggs was driving drunk, with a blood level double the legal limit. He was charged Wednesday with a variety of crimes, including possession of a loaded gun, that could send him to prison for more than 50 years. “Obviously, we just lost (Henry) Ruggs (III) and Arnette, our two first-round picks in a period of seven days,” Mayock said. “So, am I sick to my stomach right now on a lot of levels? Yes. I mentioned we found the risk acceptable after doing more homework on

Arnette than anybody we’ve done in the years I’ve been here, and obviously we missed. That is 100% on me.” How Davis views things is a little more difficult to figure out. Gruden was his prize hire, a nod to his late father, Al Davis, yet he was gone within days of his racist and misogynistic emails surfacing last month. “I’ve never seen Jon exhibit any of those things in practice with the Raiders,” Davis said at the time. “He’s no longer the coach of the Raiders. It’s something that had to be done. It didn’t represent what the Raiders stand for.” Also gone is former team president Marc Badain and several top financial people for what Davis said was an overpayment of taxes by the team. Badain was the point man in moving the Raiders from Oakland and getting the \$1.9 billion Allegiant Stadium built. Through it all the Raiders have somehow managed a winning record, though a loss to the Giants over the weekend may have foreshadowed some of the team’s problems going forward. The Raiders have also been a hit in their new city, which spent \$750 million in tax money to partially fund a gleaming new stadium to help lure the team from Oakland. But even a Super Bowl win wouldn’t take the stain off this season. Not with everything that has happened, and certainly not with a woman dead. Tina Tintor was heading home after taking her dog for a walk when her life was suddenly snuffed out. She will be buried Thursday after a public service just a few miles from Allegiant Stadium. The Raiders play there Sunday, for those still inclined to cheer.

NFL INSIDE THE NUMBERS

In season’s 1st half, scoring takes a dip

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

Scoring is down, home-field advantage hasn’t returned even if the fans have, and the AFC could be in a wild race for playoff spots. As the NFL gets set to start the second half of its 18-week season, there are a few notable statistical trends to pay attention to, with the two most notable being the reduction of scoring and home-team struggles. Points per game have dropped by nearly two points per contest per team so far this season as a marked increase in offensive penalties and a small decrease in passing efficiency has taken a toll. The average team is scoring 1.95 fewer points per game through nine weeks this season than in 2020, the third-biggest one-week drop through nine weeks since the merger. The bigger ones came in 1991 (2.58 pg) and 1977 (1.97 pg). One factor could be a big increase in offensive penalties with holding, false starts and delay of games all increasing from last year’s pace. That has contributed to a 35% increase in offensive penalties, while defensive penalties have remained flat. While some of those penalties could be because of the return of fans, the sold-out stadiums haven’t made life more difficult overall for road teams and reversed the trend from last season when home teams had a losing record (127-128-1) for the first time since the merger. Instead, road teams have gotten even better in 2021, finishing the first half of the season with a 70-64 record (.522), not counting two games played in London. This trend started in 2019, when home teams posted a .518 winning percentage for the lowest mark since 1972.

Jam-packed AFC

The standings are tight at the top of the AFC with nine teams with five wins, including all four in the AFC West. The Titans (7-2) and Ravens (6-2) sit at the top of the conference, but the 11 teams with winning records through nine weeks matches the most in NFL history. The only other time that happened was in 2014. That season ended with six AFC teams getting double-digit wins and four missing the playoffs despite posting winning records.

Rookie QBs

With five quarterbacks selected in the first round of the draft in April, rookie QBs figured to be a storyline in 2021. Three of them stepped in as Week 1 starters, with No. 1 pick Trevor Lawrence getting the job for the Jaguars, No. 2 pick Zach Wilson taking over for the Jets and No. 15 pick Mac Jones winning the job with the Patriots. No. 11 pick Justin Fields became the starter in Week 3 for the Bears, while No. 3 pick Trey Lance and third-rounder Davis Mills have gotten starts because of injuries to starters for the 49ers and Texans. In all, the rookies have made 34 starts for the second-most ever through nine weeks of a non-strike season, compared to the 41 in 2012 in a class headlined by Andrew Luck, Russell Wilson and Robert Griffin III. While that trio made the playoffs as rookie starters, only Jones has his team in position for a playoff spot at the midpoint this season. The rookies have combined for a 10-27 record as starters, with Jones earning half the wins. Lawrence, Wilson, Fields and Mills have four of the worst six passer ratings among 33 qualified QBs.

All or nothing




The increase in fourth-down tries to a record pace so far this season have made both comebacks more prevalent and blowouts more common. There have been a record-tying 41 games won by teams that trailed in the fourth quarter so far, matching the most through Week 9, previously done in both 1989 and 2012. There have been a record 35 games with the winning score coming in the final two minutes of regulation or OT, and 13 that have gone to an extra period, tied for the fourth most. The willingness of coaches to go for it on fourth down has helped lead to many of those thrilling finishes, but when that strategy doesn’t work, it can lead to more lopsided results. That has contributed to the 24 games decided by more than 21 points, the second-most through nine weeks in the last 40 years, after 26 in 2009.

Turnaround teams

Six teams have already matched or exceeded their 2020 win total, led by the Cowboys, who have gone from 6-10 a year ago to 6-2 this season. The Bengals (5-4) have already won one more game than last season and are in the playoff hunt in the AFC, and the Falcons (4-4) are currently in seventh position in the NFC after a 4-12 mark in 2020. The other one of those teams in contention is the Broncos, who at 5-4 have matched last season’s win total. The Jaguars (2-6) and Jets (2-6) have gotten there based on how bad last season was, when the Jaguars won one game and the Jets won two.




WEATHER

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Thickening afternoon cloudiness, seasonable. Showers are possible late at night.

HIGH 57°
LOW 45°

Periods of rain, some downpours are possible, chance for a thunderstorm, breezy.

HIGH 64°
LOW 40°

Mixed clouds and sunshine, chance for a few afternoon and evening showers, breezy.

HIGH 56°
LOW 34°

Partly sunny, breezy and cooler. Chance for a rain or snow shower at night.

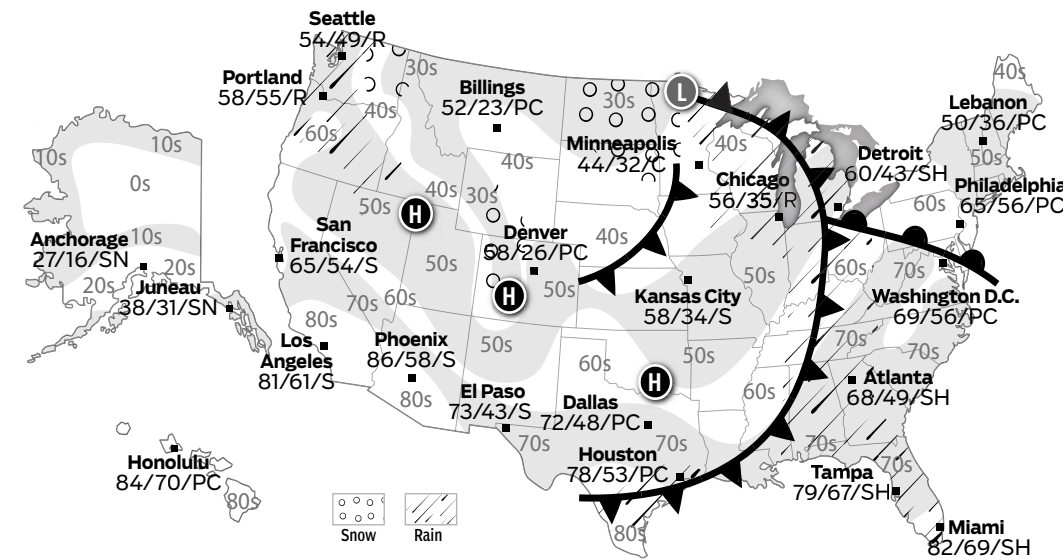
HIGH 51°
LOW 34°

Mostly cloudy, a few rain and snow showers are possible.

HIGH 47°
LOW 30°

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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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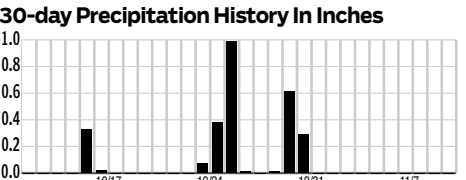
High pressure will bring partly sunny skies on Thursday and it will be cooler than of late with highs in the 50s. A warm front lifting northward overnight will cause mostly cloudy skies in the evening and then some showers after midnight. Periods of rain are likely on Friday with some heavy downpours and perhaps a few scattered thunderstorms, as well. It will be quite breezy with peak gusts up to 35 mph or so. There could be a few lingering evening showers, then partial clearing develops Friday night. What had looked like a dry weekend, now looks like a few showers could occur.

—Gary Lessor

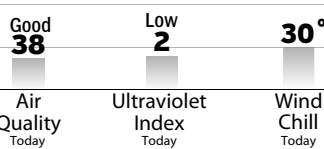
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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.12
Month to date	0.00	1.13
Total this year	50.04	40.59

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:35 a.m.	6:36 a.m.
Sunset	4:34 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
Moonrise	1:26 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
Moonset	11:29 p.m.	a.m.

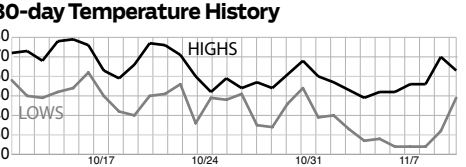
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	2:26 a.m.	8:54 a.m.	57°
	2:53 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	3:37 a.m.	9:47 a.m.	56°
	4:04 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	6:20 a.m.	1:16 a.m.	
Madison	6:47 p.m.	1:33 p.m.	
	3:57 a.m.	10:02 a.m.	56°
	4:19 p.m.	10:42 p.m.	
New Haven	4:17 a.m.	10:26 a.m.	56°
	4:39 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	
Stamford	4:21 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	59°
	4:43 p.m.	11:20 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 4.34 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	MSunny
Wind	NE/SE, 5-15	NE/SE, 5-15	NE/SE, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	2 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday	63 at 1:54 p.m.	49 at 5:03 a.m.
Normal for date	54	35
Record for date	77 in 2020	18 in 2004
A year ago	77	38
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Nov 10	477	675	569



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.18 at 7 p.m.	29.95 at 6 a.m.
Dew point	48° at 12 a.m.	21° at 4 p.m.

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Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

CIAC STATE TOURNAMENTS

GIRLS SOCCER

Class LL—Second Round
Upper Bracket
FARMINGTON 2, AMITY 1
FAIRFIELD WARDE 1, NEWINGTON 0
STAPLES 3, DARIEN 2
RIDGEFIELD 3, NEWTOWN 0

Lower Bracket
CHESHIRE 2, GLASTONBURY 2
WILTON 3, MANCHESTER 1
DANBURY 1, MALONEY 1
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 3, NEW CANAAN 2

Class L—Second Round
Upper Bracket
WATERFORD 1, AVON 0
Goal: W—Lilly Marelli. Saves: W—McKenzie Gregory, 7; A—Tanvi Raman, 5. Rec.: W—13-2-2; A—9-7-2.
ST. JOSEPH 7, GUILFORD 0
BRANBY 1, POMPERAUG 0
NORTH HAVEN 3, LEDYARD 1
Lower Bracket
E.O. SMITH 2, ELLINGTON 1
Goals: EOS—Gracie Person (2); E—Erica Paparian. Rec.: EOS—12-2-4; E—9-3-6.
WETHERSFIELD 3, SUFFIELD 0
SIMSBURY 1, MASUK 0
HAND 1, EAST LYME 0

Class M—Second Round
Upper Bracket
MERCY 2, PLAINFIELD 1
Goals: M—Kate Donlan (2); P—Karley Bellisle. Saves: M—Melina Ford, 1; P—Olivia Dagenais, 5. Rec.: M—14-2-2; P—11-5-2.
GRANBY 3, MORGAN 1
LEWIS MILLS 3, NONNEWAUG 1
WESTON 4, WINDHAM 0

Lower Bracket
BACON ACADEMY 3, WOODLAND 0
CROMWELL 3, WATERTOWN 0
SACRED HEART ACADEMY 5, ROCKY HILL 0
NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 1, SHEEHAN 0 (OT)

Class S—Second Round
Upper Bracket
LYMAN MEMORIAL 8, MLC 0
Goals: LM—Leah Comerroski (2), Magdalena Carpenter (2), Olivia Dunnack, Kasey Cook, Nevaeh Shifrin, Julianna Haynes. Saves: LM—Morgan Tartaglia and Micah Speight, 3; M—Zaida Kellier, 3. Rec.: LM—10-6-1; M—12-2-2.

COVENTRY 3, WINDHAM TECH 1 (OT)
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 4, HOUSATONIC 1
COGINCHAUG 8, WOLCOTT TECH 0

Lower Bracket
SOMERS 3, OLD LYME 3 (SOMERS WINS IN PK'S, 3-1)
OLD SAYBROOK 1, ST. BERNARD 0
HOLY CROSS 2, EAST GRANBY 0
THOMASTON 2, LITCHFIELD 0

FIELD HOCKEY

Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
GLASTONBURY 1, CONARD 0
Goal: G—Christina Guanci. Saves: G—Kaitlyn Parent, 1; C—Lilly Grose, 11. Rec.: G—13-1-2-1; C—10-6-1.
CHESHIRE 4, ENFIELD 0
NEW CANAAN 3, NORWALK 0
GREENWICH 9, NEWTOWN 0

Lower Bracket
HALL 3, TRUMBULL 2
Goals: H—Ellie Goldstein (2), Emma Keller; T—Lyndsay Guzzetta, Kayla Barbagallo. Saves: H—Addison O'Connell, 13. Rec.: H—15-0-2; T—8-7-2.
RIDGEFIELD 5, FARMINGTON 0
DARIEN 4, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 0
WILTON 1, STAPLES 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Class M—Second Round
Upper Bracket
WATERFORD 3, GOODWIN TECH 1
(25-16, 25-14, 21-25, 25-17)

GT: Maribel Gonzalez, 12digs, Gabby Radin, 10digs, Trinity Chambers, 4aces. Rec.: W—12-10; GT—17-4.
WOODLAND 3, PLAINVILLE 0 (25-14, 25-16, 25-19)
WESTON 3, BARLOW 2 (19-25, 25-21, 21-25, 25-12, 15-12)
LEDYARD 3, KAYNOR TECH 0 (25-12, 25-19, 25-15)

Lower Bracket
BACON ACADEMY 3, PRINCE TECH 0 (25-8, 25-13, 25-11)
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 3, BRANFORD 0 (25-18, 25-22, 25-20)
MERCY 3, NORTHWESTERN 2 (19-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-13, 15-10)
SEYMOUR 3, SHEEHAN 0 (25-17, 25-8, 25-22)

Class S—Second Round
Upper Bracket
COVENTRY 3, COGINCHAUG 1 (25-13, 23-25, 25-20, 25-21)
COV: Ruby St. Onge, 28digs, 17kills, Charlotte Jordan, 39assists, 8digs, 6 kills, Jocelyn Francis, 23digs. Rec.: COV—16-6; COG—14-7.
HOLY CROSS 3, AEROSPACE 1 (25-18, 16-25, 12-12, 25-16)
HC: Michaela Bell, 15digs, 2aces, Tyra McKoy, 6kills, 2aces, 1dig; A: Faith Mitchell, 7digs, 5aces, 2kills, 1assist, Hazel Patel, 5kills, 5digs, 2assists, 1 ace. Rec.: HC—12-10; A—17-4.
WOLCOTT TECH 3, NORWICH TECH 0 (25-5, 25-13, 25-14)
GRISWOLD 3, WHITNEY TECH 0 (25-7, 25-9, 25-10)
Lower Bracket
GRANBY 3, PLAINFIELD 0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-7)
G: Sarah Maher, 10aces, 8digs, Alyssa Rossi, 7kills, 1bkill; P: Emma Schmidt, 11digs, 7aces, Paige St. Cyr, 7assists. Rec.: G—20-1; P—10-9.
EAST HAMPTON 3, BOLTON 1 (21-25, 25-13, 25-18, 25-27)
LYMAN MEMORIAL 3, EAST CATHOLIC 0 (25-19, 25-11, 25-23)

THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Pequot Uncas: Rockville at Stafford/ East Windsor/Somers, 6:30p.m.
SCC Tier 2: West Haven at Wilbur Cross, 6p.m.
SCC Tier 3: Lyman Hall at Bassick, 6 p.m.
ECC Div. I: East Lyme at Fitch, 6:30p.m.
ECC Inter: Waterford at Montville, 6 p.m.
NVL Brass: Crosby at Wilby, 6p.m.
NVL Copper: Oxford at Seymour, 6p.m.
NVL Iron: Watertown at St. Paul, 6p.m.
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BOYS SOCCER

Class LL—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket: No. 16Glastonbury (9-5-3) at No. 1Xavier (14-0-2), 4p.m.; No. 9Ridgefield (10-2-4) at No. 8Darien (10-1-5); No. 13Cheshire (9-4-2) at No. 4Greenwich (11-1-3); No. 21Simsbury (7-5-5) at No. 5Norwalk (13-2-2), 6p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 15Naugatuck (10-5-2) at No. 2Halt (12-0-4), 6p.m.; No. 10Fairfield Warde (10-2-4) at No. 7Farmington (13-3-1), 5p.m.; No. 19Danbury (6-4-6) at No. 3Fairfield Prep (13-2-1), 6:30p.m.; No. 22Conard (8-7-2) at No. 6Staples (11-1-4)
Class L—Second Round, 4p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket: No. 16Masuk (10-4-3) at No. 1Ellis Tech (13-1-2); No. 9Guilford (12-3-2) at No. 8Bristol Central (12-3-2), 6p.m.; No. 13Notre Dame-West Haven (11-3-3) at No. 4Hand (13-1-3), 5p.m.; No. 28Woodstock Academy (7-8-1) at No. 12Wethersfield (11-3-3)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Brookfield (9-4-4) at No. 2Watertown (13-2), 1p.m.; No. 23E.O. Smith (8-5-4) at No. 7New London (13-4); No. 14Fitch (11-5) at No. 3Middletown (12-1-3), 2p.m.; No. 27Windsor (7-7-1) at No. 22Avon (8-5-4), 3p.m.
Class M—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted

Upper Bracket: No. 16WCA (10-4-3) at No. 1Nonnewaug (15-0-1), 4p.m.; No. 9Granby (13-3-1) at No. 8Ledyard (14-3), 4p.m.; No. 20Norwich Tech (9-6-2) at No. 4Law (15-1-1); No. 12Ellington (11-4-2) at No. 5Woodland (14-0-3)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Waterford (10-7) at No. 2Suffield (16-1), 4p.m.; No. 10Morgan (12-2-3) at No. 7Barlow (12-1-3), 3:30p.m.; No. 19Plainville (9-6-2) at No. 3Stonington (15-1); No. 11Bacon Academy (12-5) at No. 6Weston (14-1-2)
Class S—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket: No. 17East Hampton (8-5-2) at No. 1Holy Cross (14-0-2); No. 9Oxford (10-2-4) at No. 8Canton (13-4); No. 20Immaculate (9-7-1) at No. 4Griswold (13-2-); No. 21East Catholic (7-5-5) at No. 5Aerospace (12-1-3)
Lower Bracket: No. 15Portland (9-5-2) at No. 20Old Saybrook (14-0-2); No. 26Hale-Ray (6-7-1) at No. 10Valley Regional (12-4-1), 4p.m.; No. 19Bolton (9-6-2) at No. 3Parish Hill (14-2); No. 11 Coventry (12-5) at No. 6Somers (13-3-1), 3p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Avon (10-4-2-1) at No. 1Guilford (16-1), 2p.m.; No. 5Simsbury (12-4-1) at No. 4Pomperaug (13-2-0-2), 5:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 10East Lyme (9-6-1-1) at No. 2Wethersfield (16-1), 6:30p.m.; No. 11Hand (9-6-1-1) at No. 3Barlow (12-2), 6p.m.
Class S—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Granby (12-5) at No. 1Valley Regional (16-0-1), 2p.m.; No. 5Sacred Heart Academy (12-3-2) at No. 4North Branford (13-2-2), 4p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 10Lauralton Hall (11-5-0-1) at No. 2Stonington (15-2), 5 p.m.; No. 6Old Saybrook (12-4-1) vs. No. 3Thomaston (12-1-2) at Watertown HS, 4:30p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Class LL—Second Round, 6p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket: No. 17New Canaan (11-8) at No. 1Cheshire (19-0); No. 9Glastonbury (15-4) at No. 8Southington (15-4); No. 13Trumbull (15-5) at No. 4Conard (16-1); No. 12Fairfield Ludlowe (15-5) at No. 5Naugatuck (17-3)
Lower Bracket: No. 15Bristol Central (15-6) at No. 2Greenwich (19-1); No. 10 Wilton (16-5) at No. 7Maloney (16-4); No. 14Ridgefield (14-5) at No. 3Darien (17-1), 4p.m.; No. 11Newtown (15-5) at No. 6Amity (16-3), 5p.m.
Class L—Second Round, 6p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket: No. 16New Milford (13-8) at No. 1RHAM (18-1); No. 9Hand (16-5) at No. 8South Windsor (16-5); No. 13Kennedy (14-5) at No. 4E.O. Smith (17-2), 6:30p.m.; No. 12Fitch (14-5) at No. 5North Haven (17-4)
Lower Bracket: No. 18St. Joseph (12-8) at No. 2Pomperaug (18-2); No. 26Windsor (10-10) at No. 10Bristol Eastern (15-5), 5p.m.; No. 14Brookfield (15-6) at No. 3East Lyme (17-2), 5p.m.; No. 11 Simsbury (15-5) at No. 6Suffield (13-3)

TUESDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MARYLAND 83, QUINNIPIAC 69
SACRED HEART 86, LA SALLE 81
PROVIDENCE 80, FAIRFIELD 73

WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

FIELD HOCKEY

NCAA Div. III Tournament—First Round
BOWDOIN 9, EASTERN 0
NCAA Div. I Tournament—Opening Round
DELAWARE 4, FAIRFIELD 3 (OT)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

EASTERN AT YESHIVA, LATE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SACRED HEART 71, HARTFORD 62

THURSDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S SOCCER

MAAC Tournament—Semifinal
Monmouth at Fairfield, time TBD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart at Providence, 6:30p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LOCAL SCHEDULES

UCONN (1-8)

August 28: Fresno State 45, UConn 0
Sept. 4: Holy Cross 38, UConn 28
Sept. 11: Purdue 49, UConn 0
Sept. 18: Army 52, UConn 21
Sept. 25: Wyoming 24, UConn 22
Oct. 2: Vanderbilt 30, UConn 28
Oct. 9: UMass 77, UConn 13
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 22: Middle Tennessee 44, UConn 13
Nov. 13: at Clemson, noon
Nov. 20: at Central Florida, 4p.m.
Nov. 27: vs. Houston, noon

CENTRAL (3-6)

Sept. 4: Southern Conn. 28, Central 21
Sept. 11: Central 21, Wagner 19
Sept. 18: Southeastern Louisiana 56, Central 10
Sept. 25: Miami 69, Central 0
Oct. 9: Columbia 22, Central 20
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: LIU 30, Central 13
Oct. 30: Central 49, Merrimack 21
Nov. 6: Central 30, Bryant 15
Nov. 13: at Duquesne, noon
Nov. 20: vs. St. Francis (Pa.), noon

TRINITY (7-1)

Sept. 18: Trinity 42, Tufts 28
Sept. 25: Trinity 38, Bowdoin 14
Oct. 2: Trinity 28, Middlebury 0
Oct. 9: Trinity 34, Hamilton 7
Oct. 16: Trinity 45, Bates 7
Oct. 23: Trinity 35, Colby 12
Oct. 30: Williams 42, Trinity 3
Nov. 6: Trinity 49, Amherst 7
Nov. 13: at Wesleyan, noon

WESLEYAN (6-2)

Sept. 18: Wesleyan 21, Colby 5
Sept. 25: Wesleyan 30, Hamilton 14
Oct. 2: Wesleyan 27, Bates 24
Oct. 9: Wesleyan 38, Bowdoin 35
Oct. 16: Wesleyan 36, Tufts 35
Oct. 23: Wesleyan 24, Middlebury 0
Oct. 30: Amherst 16, Wesleyan 14(4OT)
Nov. 6: Williams 25, Wesleyan 0
Nov. 13: vs. Trinity, noon

YALE (5-3)

Sept. 18: Holy Cross 20, Yale 17
Sept. 25: Yale 23, Cornell 17
Oct. 2: Yale 34, Lehigh 0
Oct. 9: Dartmouth 24, Yale 17
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 23: Yale 42, Penn 28
Oct. 30: Yale 37, Columbia 30
Nov. 6: Yale 63, Brown 38
Nov. 13: at Princeton, 1p.m.
Nov. 20: vs. Harvard, noon

SACRED HEART (6-3)

Sept. 4: Sacred Heart 21, Bucknell 0
Sept. 11: Bryant 17, Sacred Heart 6
Sept. 18: Sacred Heart 21, Morgan State 7
Sept. 25: Dartmouth 41, Sacred Heart 3
Oct. 2: Howard 22, Sacred Heart 17
Oct. 9: Sacred Heart 20, Merrimack 10
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: Sacred Heart 31, Duquesne 13
Nov. 6: Sacred Heart 14, St. Francis (Pa.) 13
Nov. 13: vs. Wagner, noon
Nov. 20: at LIU, 1p.m.

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CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Conference Semifinals
EASTERN
Birmingham at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Charlotte at Louisville City, 7:30p.m.
WESTERN
Rio Grande at San Antonio, 9p.m.
Oakland at Orange County, 10p.m.

Ouellette

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team in Boston and on the U.S. team, nationally and internationally. She accumulated enough credits to graduate from the University of Rhode Island in December 2015 so she could concentrate on her skating.

Her team finished second at the national championships, qualifying for the ISU Synchronized World Skating Championships, which were slated to be held in Lake Placid, N.Y., Team USA's home ice. That was going to be Ouellette's last hurrah. But the pandemic canceled the championships and about a month later she decided to retire from the sport.

"I think most people retire a bit younger from the sport, a lot of them when they're coming out of high school or graduating college," she said. "Me and a group of my best friends continued skating through what was going to be the 2020 world championships in Lake Placid. We were kind of holding out because Lake Placid was almost like our second home, where the Olympic Training Center is, we had boot camps there every summer, I had my first competition there. We would have had

our friends and families come and watch. But then COVID happened, so a little change of plans."

A military career had always intrigued

Hartford Courant

FLAVOR

LIVING



Try using a dry brine when making roast chicken for weeknight dinners. KRISTEN MEDIOLA/DAILY MEAL; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

Dry-brined, roasted, spatchcocked chicken with herbed pan sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes
Brining time: Up to 24 hours
Cooking time: 40 minutes
Makes: 4 to 8 servings
13- to 4-pound roasting chicken
2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more as needed
Unsalted herb mix, such as za'atar or lemon pepper as needed (optional)
Pan spray as needed
Herbed pan sauce, as needed (see recipe)
1. To spatchcock chicken: Using kitchen shears or chef knife, remove backbone and reserve. Flip chicken onto breast side and spread two sides to expose breast bone. With a chef knife, make a small slit at the top of the breast bone to free from its membrane. Use fingers to pull bone free. Reserve bone.
2. Sprinkle chicken evenly with 1 teaspoon salt. Flip chicken onto sheet pan or large platter and sprinkle evenly with 1 more teaspoon salt. Refrigerate chicken, uncovered, overnight, up to 24 hours.
3. To roast, remove chicken from refrigerator and place on a foil-covered sheet pan, skin-side up. Do not rinse. Tuck wing tips back under chicken breasts to secure. Sprinkle with optional herb mix and spray lightly with pan spray. Roast in a preheated 425-degree oven to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, about 35-45 minutes.
4. Remove chicken to a cutting board. Pour liquid fat off the roasting pan and discard. Using a rubber spatula, scrape up coagulated juices, taste for saltiness and reserve for pan sauce.
5. Carve chicken into serving pieces and serve immediately with sauce.

Herbed pan sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
Makes: About 2 cups
2 tablespoons oil
1 chicken backbone, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 chicken keel bone, cut into 2 or 3 pieces
2 tablespoons small diced onion
1 tablespoon small diced carrot
1 tablespoon small diced celery
2 ½ tablespoons flour
2 cups canned chicken broth or homemade stock
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon minced fresh herbs or 1 teaspoon dried thyme, herbs du Provence, za'atar or herbs of your choice
Scraped, coagulated juices from roast chicken (optional)
1-2 tablespoons whole butter
Note: Begin the sauce when the chicken goes in the oven. Coagulated juices from the pan add flavor and richness to sauce. Just taste before adding to determine saltiness.
1. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil to nearly smoking in a small, heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Add reserved backbone and keel bone pieces. Sear, stirring occasionally, until brown, about 1-2 minutes.
2. Add 2 tablespoons diced onion, 1 tablespoon diced carrot and 1 tablespoon diced celery and sauté until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
3. Sprinkle 2 ½ tablespoons flour over bones and vegetables and stir to combine. Cook until mixture starts to darken, about 3-5 minutes.
4. Whisk in 2 cups chicken broth, add 1 bay leaf and 1 tablespoon herbs, bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer slowly until starchy taste disappears, about 20 minutes.
5. Taste chicken pan juices for saltiness. (The juices may be fairly salty because of the brine.) Depending on saltiness of juices, stir all or part into simmering sauce and simmer to combine flavors, about 3-5 minutes.
6. Pass sauce through a fine mesh strainer into a clean pan and discard solids. Return to heat just long enough to return to a simmer, then remove from heat and whisk in whole butter. Taste again for seasoning and add salt as needed. Serve immediately with roast chicken.

It's time to brine

Why you need to use dry technique on turkey, chicken



James P. DeWan
Prep School

If you've ever sought out how to cook a Thanksgiving turkey or weeknight roast chicken, odds are you've heard the phrase brining. Brining, for you visitors to our fair planet, is the process of applying salt to meat, poultry or fish — in advance of cooking — for the purpose of improving its flavor, texture and juiciness. Today, because Thanksgiving is rearing its lovely head, we'll limit our discussion of the topic to turkey and its fellow winged beast, chicken.

When brining, salt generally is applied in one of two ways: It can be sprinkled directly over the surface of the item in what's called a dry brine, or it can be dissolved in water to create a wet brine.

Before you dive into brining, there is one thing to note. Some brands, like Butterball turkeys and kosher poultry, come already treated with a salt solution. Therefore, there's no need to brine at home — you'll just end up with an overseasoned bird. Check the packaging before you buy and brine.

What is a wet brine?

First, let's talk about that wet brine. A rule of thumb is to add about ¼ cup Kosher

salt per quart of water. Brining can take anywhere from an hour to a whole day, depending on the size of the item we're cooking. The salt in the brine acts on the proteins in the meat in such a way that the meat becomes more tender.

Moreover, as you would expect, soaking something in salt water is going to make it wetter and saltier. That means that, along with that increased tenderness, brined items come out juicy and nicely seasoned. Who can argue with that?

Problem with wet brining

Believe it or not, there are some issues with a wet brine.

First off, adding water to the meat can dilute its flavor — not much, mind you, but it's a result you might not appreciate with your already mildly flavored turkey.

For me, though, the real problem is that container of brine. It's not a big deal if you're just doing a couple pork chops or chicken breasts. However, once you start brining something as large as a turkey, it becomes problematic.

Consider the size and shape of the vessel needed to brine a whole turkey and ask yourself how you're going to keep it cold overnight.

On top of that, remember you're soaking raw poultry, and when you dump that brine down the drain, that icky poultry water is going to slosh all over your kitchen, contaminating it in the process. (As an aside, that's

why you should never rinse your poultry in the sink — all the splashing flings those salmonella-laden droplets around the kitchen.)

Between the watered-down flavor, the struggles of finding a vessel and place to store a big bird as it soaks and the danger of bacteria showers, you should consider a dry brine.

What is a dry brine?

Dry brines work the same way as wet brines, only without the added water. Here's all you do: Sprinkle the surface of the meat with Kosher salt and let it sit in the fridge for several hours or overnight. The ratio is generally about ½ teaspoon of kosher salt per pound of meat.

The salt draws water from the meat. That water dissolves the salt, creating a brine. That brine then gets reabsorbed into the meat, just like a wet brine. Finally, the salt tenderizes and seasons the meat. While studies have shown that dry-brined meats aren't quite as juicy as wet-brined, any brining makes meat juicier than no brining at all.

Now, remember, the idea is never to expect perfection on your first try, or even your first few tries. If you're planning on brining your Thanksgiving turkey, go with a dry brine for the reasons listed above. But first, practice your dry brine technique with roast chicken for weeknight dinners. That way, when Thanksgiving comes, you'll already be a couple steps ahead.

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The accidental wine educator

Kevin Zraly learned the ropes from novice to expert in 50 years

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

The history of wine in the United States owes a lot to something of a happy accident.

In 1970, Craig Claiborne, then the restaurant critic of The New York Times, was driving from upstate New York back to the city when he stopped at Depuy Canal House Tavern, a restaurant in High Falls, New York.

He was so impressed with the place that he awarded it four stars, his highest rating, rarely bestowed and almost never outside New York City. The review appeared March 6, 1970, under the immortal headline “Restaurant Merits Three-Hour Drive.”

Business exploded. Suddenly, city dwellers arrived, some asking for something called “the wine list.” It fell upon Kevin Zraly, a 19-year-old waiter who had been assigned bartending duty, to respond to one particularly insistent man.

“Sir, we have red, white and rosé,” Zraly recalled saying. “What else do you need to know?”

So began the storied career of the man who has probably taught more Americans about wine than anybody. When the frustrated customer got home, Zraly said in a phone interview, he sent the restaurant a copy of “The Penguin Book of Wines,” a leading textbook of the time, which opened Zraly’s eyes to wine.

For 50 years now, Zraly, 70, has helped Americans make sense of wine. Not only has he educated countless consumers, but he has instructed some of the most influential American wine professionals, who went on to teach multitudes themselves.

“He was a natural educator, bouncing all over the place like the Energizer bunny, but very knowledgeable and accessible,” said



Kevin Zraly at Depuy Canal House Tavern in High Falls, New York, the site of his first wine class 50 years ago, where he worked at the time. MEREDITH HEUER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Joseph DeLissio, who took a wine course with Zraly in 1977 and spent the next 43 years as wine director of the River Café in Brooklyn.

Zraly most famously ran the wine program at Windows on the World, the celebrated restaurant atop the North Tower of the World Trade Center, from its inception in 1975 until it was destroyed on Sept. 11, 2001.

At Windows, he built the wine list into one of the best in the country, while his easygoing, hospitable style came to be a model for a generation of American sommeliers. He mentored many who wanted to enter the wine trade, particularly women, at a time when wine was regarded largely as a male bastion.

Zraly also taught wine courses at Windows, starting with the staff and eventually opening them to the public. Based on those classes, he wrote a book, “Windows on the World Complete Wine Course.”

Through numerous editions since 1985, it has sold more than 3 million copies.

Anniversaries occur almost every day in the wine business. They are rarely worth acknowledging. But because of his influence and how the world has changed, it’s worth looking back for a moment at Zraly’s 50 years, which paralleled a revolution in America’s food-and-wine culture.

Back when Claiborne walked into the Depuy Canal House Tavern, the country mostly considered American food to mean hamburgers and convenience foods.

Zraly was like that too. Growing up in Pleasantville, New York, in Westchester County, he said, “I was steak, potatoes and beer.”

“Fancy food” was a synonym for French cuisine, which many Americans regarded with fear and suspicion. Wine was

either for wealthy sophisticates or for Skid Row. Flavored, fortified wines like Thunderbird and Wild Irish Rose were bestsellers.

At the same time, Zraly and the country were embarking on crash courses in the wider world of food and wine.

By October 1971, Zraly, now 20, was teaching his first wine course, on the fundamentals of cheeses and wines, with the help of John Novi, the chef and owner of Depuy Canal House Tavern.

Zraly visited New York’s wine-growing areas first, then hitchhiked to California to see its budding vineyards. Finally, he traveled to all the great wine regions in Europe, visiting producers, seeing their methods firsthand and keeping assiduous notes. He knew so much that Joseph Baum, the restaurant entrepreneur who was conceptualizing Windows, hired him.

He was given the title

“cellarmaster,” he said, because Baum didn’t believe “sommelier” fit in an American restaurant.

That any American restaurant would have a cellarmaster or a sommelier was a rare thing in those days. In 1978, Frank J. Priol, the wine columnist for The Times, wrote an article about the virtual disappearance of the sommelier in restaurants, citing Zraly as one of a very few good young ones in New York, “the knowledgeable type, not the wine hustlers,” he specified.

With an apparently unlimited budget, Zraly put together a world-class list, taking advantage of an economic downturn in Europe to buy up great wines at paltry prices. He was also an early investor in wines from California.

Baum gave him money to build a list, but that was it. With the restaurant filling the 106th and 107th floors, Zraly expected to have help.

“I asked him, ‘How many sommeliers am I going to have?’” Zraly said. “None, you’re it,” was the response. “How am I going to do this? It’s an acre in size, and another acre on the 106th. So I created the classes to train the staff — busboys, waiters, dishwashers, secretaries.”

One of those on staff was Michael Skurnik, a would-be musician who got a job waiting tables at Windows in 1977. Arriving there already with an interest in wine, he became friendly with Zraly and eventually became his assistant, maintaining the cellar, doing inventory and moving lots of boxes between the 107th floor and the underground storage cellar.

“He opened my eyes to the possibilities of what I could do with my life,” said Skurnik, who is now chief executive of Skurnik Wines, a leading New York importer and distributor. “Watching him be successful in his 20s at the top of the world made me realize that anything was possible.”

Since Sept. 11, Zraly has taken his act on the road. He has taught the course in hotels, on cruise ships, at wine shops, to corporate clients, to pretty much anybody willing to pay what most recently was \$1,200 for the eight-week introductory course.

Then came the pandemic, and Zraly was stuck at home. He thought his career was over, but like so many other people, he discovered something new: Zoom.

Partnering with the retail website Wine.com, he took his classes to the internet. In the year since he began, he estimates he has taught about 4,000 students from 40 states and Canada, the areas where Wine.com sells wine. He sees Zoom now as his future.

“What a great way to end a career,” he said, “by starting a new one.”



Offer these apple cakelets for brunch on Sundays. DREAMSTIME

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Apple cakelets are versatile fall treat, no slicing required

By Diane Rossen
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When I developed this recipe, I wanted to serve these as little cakes. You can call them muffins, but who doesn’t like a fun name for a familiar sweet?

I like these cakelets because they are individual servings ready to be

stacked on a pretty platter, no slicing required. The tender-crumble cake is studded with moist apple nuggets and topped with a spiced golden crispy streusel.

The recipe couldn’t be simpler. The streusel incorporates pumpkin pie seasoning, so you don’t have to buy multiple spices. You can also

cut the apple into a small dice if you like little apple pieces in your cake instead of slices. These spiced crumb cakelets will adapt to whatever menu you’re serving. Offer these for Sunday brunch along with scrambled eggs or vegetable omelets and a fresh fruit salad. These also make a tasty afternoon snack with English tea.

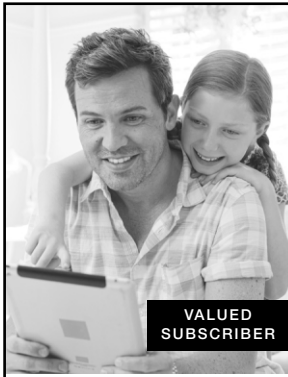
Apple spiced apple crumb cakelets

Makes: 12 muffins
Nonstick baking spray or muffin liners

For the crumb topping:
½ cup unsalted butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
⅔ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie seasoning

For the cake:
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ vegetable oil
⅓ cup milk
3 eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1 medium Fuji or Golden Delicious apple, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

- 1. Preheat** the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a (12-cup) standard-size muffin tin with nonstick baking spray or line with liners.
- 2. In a medium bowl,** combine the crumb mixture. Use your fingers to break up the mixture until it resembles crumbs. Set aside.
- 3. For the cake:** Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a measuring cup or small bowl, combine the oil, milk, eggs and vanilla and blend well. Slowly add to the flour mixture, mixing well until the batter is smooth. Add the apple slices and mix to combine.
- 4. Spoon the batter** evenly into the muffin cups. Divide the crumb mixture on top of the muffins and pat down well so it will stick when they are baking. Place the muffin pan on a baking sheet.
- 5. Bake** the cakelets for about 40 minutes or until a wooden skewer comes out clean and the tops are nicely browned. Let cool slightly and unmold. Serve warm.



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Instant Pot tomato-braised chickpeas with tahini make for a complex, satisfying meatless meal, especially when served with warm flatbread for dipping into the sauce. **ARMANDO RAFAEL/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Instant Pot tomato-braised chickpeas with tahini

If you are starting with soaked and drained chickpeas, reduce the water to about 1 ½ cups — just enough to cover them — then cook on high pressure for 13 minutes instead of 35.

- Makes:** 6 servings
Total time: 1 ½ hours
For the chickpeas:
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large red onion, thinly sliced
2 ¼ teaspoons fine sea salt, plus more as needed
4 garlic cloves, grated, passed through a press or minced
1 (15-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes, or diced tomatoes
1 (2-inch) cinnamon stick, or ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 bay leaf
1 pound dried chickpeas (about 2 cups)
¾ teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon ground turmeric
½ cup chopped cilantro, mint or parsley, plus more for garnish
For the tahini sauce:
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, plus more to taste
1 garlic clove, finely grated, passed through a press or crushed to a paste
¼ teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more to taste
¼ cup tahini
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
Ice water

- 1. Using the sauté function** set on medium, heat oil in the pressure cooker pot. Add the sliced onions and ¼ teaspoon of salt, and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are lightly golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes.
2. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Using kitchen shears or your hands, break the tomatoes into pieces and add them, along with their liquid, to the pot. (If using diced tomatoes, just add them to the pot.) Stir in cinnamon stick and bay leaf, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pot, and simmer until sauce has thickened slightly, 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Stir in chickpeas, cumin, turmeric, remaining 2 teaspoons salt and 4 cups water. (The water should cover the chickpeas by about an inch; if not, add a little more water.) Cover and cook at high pressure for 35 minutes. Let the pressure release naturally for at least 20 minutes. Release any remaining pressure.
4. While the chickpeas cook, make the tahini sauce: Combine lemon juice, garlic and salt in a mixing bowl. Whisk in tahini, then whisk in oil, a few drops at a time, until emulsified. Whisk in enough ice water to make a thin, pourable sauce. Taste and add more lemon juice, if needed.
5. Stir chopped cilantro into braised chickpeas and taste, adding more salt, if you'd like. To serve, garnish bowlfuls with a big drizzle of tahini sauce and more cilantro.

Instant Pot wisdom

Tips for getting the most out of your electric pressure cooker

By Melissa Clark
The New York Times

When I first wrote about Instant Pots back in 2017, it was with the ardor of new love. I had fallen hard for my first electric pressure cooker, delighting in the myriad ways it could improve my kitchen life. All those weeknight meals of dried beans and silky braised meats, the speedy brown rice, the endless flow of soups and homemade stock changed how I cooked in a fundamental way.

The question was, would the habit stick? Or would my Instant Pot end up like so many panini presses and sous vide wands — on a shelf in the basement, fuzzy with dust?

I'm happy to report that, nearly five years in, it has remained an integrated and well-used kitchen tool. After hundreds of meals, I have learned a few very valuable lessons, whether getting the smell out of the sealing ring or troubleshooting the dreaded burn message.

Here are my best practices and tips for getting the most out of your Instant Pot:

Play to its strengths

The most important thing I have learned is to stick to what the Instant Pot does well. Any dish that traditionally needs long, slow cooking in a moist environment will turn soft and succulent a lot faster in an electric pressure cooker.

Tough cuts of meat become incomparably tender and silky. Pork shoulder — stewed with wine, herbs, root vegetables and olives or capers for brightness — becomes a staple as soon as the weather turns cool. I especially love the Instant Pot for making chickpeas from scratch, which taste about a million times better than canned. And I haven't made risotto or rice pudding on the stove since taking the Instant Pot out of its box. Why mess with perfection?

Lock that lid

It's bound to happen at some point: You have filled your Instant Pot, set the pressure to high, then opened the lid to find dinner only half cooked. What went wrong?

The sealing ring may be slightly askew. Before cooking, make sure the ring is pressed down all the way around the inside cover of the pot. Then after the machine starts counting down, check that the pressure indicator at the top is firmly in its locked position (I poke it with a chopstick).

Avoid dreaded 'burn'

Your electric pressure cooker can't tell the difference between the tasty, caramelized bits that stick to the pot after you brown your ingredients (sometimes known as the fond) and food that is smoldering to a crisp. And that is a common reason the burn



Instant Pot pork stew with red wine and olives

Pork shoulder is one of the most glorious things to cook in an electric pressure cooker. The meat becomes velvety and suffused with rich, brawny juices. Here, red wine, tomatoes, rosemary and sage perfume the pork, while olives, stirred in at the end, give it brightness. This stew is even better cooked a day or two ahead, giving the flavors time to meld. Making it in advance also gives the fat a chance to solidify, so it's easy to remove before reheating. Then, if you like, you can reheat the stew in the electric pressure cooker using the sauté setting. Serve this over polenta or rice, or with bread to soak up the meaty sauce.

- Makes:** 4 to 6 servings **Total time:** 1 ½ hours
2 pounds pork shoulder or pork stew meat, cut into 2-inch chunks
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt (Diamond Crystal), plus more as needed
¾ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more as needed
6 garlic cloves, grated, passed through a press or crushed into a paste
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
Large pinch of red-pepper flakes
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
Olive oil
½ cup dry red wine
1 (15-ounce) can whole peeled plum tomatoes
2 medium carrots, sliced ½-inch thick (about 1 cup)
½ cup pitted and torn green olives, such as Castelvetrano

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If you have sealed your ingredients using the sauté function, add some liquid to the pot, bring it to a simmer, then scrape up all those browned bits thoroughly before locking the lid.

It's also important to use enough liquid — at least a half cup — even if the recipe doesn't direct you to. Older Instant Pot recipes, my own included, might have been tested on earlier models of the appliance, which had a less sensitive burn sensor. These recipes might not call for that much liquid because the old models didn't need it.

If the burn message does come on midway through cooking, don't panic. Simply release the pressure, open the pot and give everything a big stir, scraping up anything stuck to the bottom. If

the pot looks dry, add a few tablespoons of water or other liquid. Then reseat the pot and continue cooking.

Salt your beans

Cooking dried beans from scratch on any given weeknight is a triumph of the electric pressure cooker. To get the best flavor, add salt at the beginning. Cooking beans in salted water helps flavor them evenly.

Mind your temperatures

The colder the ingredients are when they go into your pot, the longer it will take to reach pressure. (Say, for example, you are using a block of frozen

broth dumped in from a quart container, my mainstay.) Defrosting liquids in the microwave can speed things up. Or if you are adding water and have an electric kettle, you can heat the water while prepping your other ingredients.

Clean smelly seal

The easiest way I have found to get rid of that lingering, slightly sulfurous scent that clings to the sealing ring is making a paste made from baking soda and white vinegar. Spread it all over the ring, and let it sit in the sink for an hour or so (or overnight for really tough cases). Then throw the whole thing into your dishwasher. I do this along with all my other dishes, and everything comes out sparkling.

Instant Pot rice pudding

Adding a vanilla bean lends deeply aromatic notes, but if you don't have one, just stir 1 tablespoon vanilla extract into the pudding along with the egg yolks. Or skip the vanilla and add a teaspoon of whole cardamom pods to the pot to round out the spicy flavor of the cinnamon.

- Makes:** 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 30 minutes, plus chilling
¾ cup arborio or other short-grain rice
2 ½ cups whole milk
⅓ cup sugar
1 (2-inch) cinnamon stick
1 (4-inch) strip orange or lemon zest, peeled with a vegetable peeler (optional)
½ vanilla bean, halved lengthwise, seeds scraped with the tip of a paring knife, or 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Large pinch of fine sea salt
½ cup heavy cream
2 egg yolks
½ cup raisins (optional)
Ground cinnamon or cardamom, for serving (optional)
Whipped cream, for serving (optional)

- 1. In the pressure cooker pot,** stir together the rice, milk, sugar, cinnamon stick, orange zest (if using), vanilla bean and seeds, and salt.
2. Lock the lid into place and cook on high pressure for 10 minutes. Let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes, then manually release the remaining pressure.
3. Open the lid and discard the cinnamon stick, orange zest and vanilla bean.
4. In a small bowl, whisk together the cream and yolks. Whisk into the rice and continue to stir until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. (It will still look soupy at this point.) The residual heat of the rice will cook the yolks, and chilling will thicken the pudding. Stir in the raisins, if using.
5. Spoon the pudding into serving bowls, then cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours. Serve with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon or cardamom and whipped cream, if you'd like.